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Delta affirms Guam pullout

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The pullout of Delta Air Lines from its Guam-Narita service was officially announced yesterday morning—a development that still managed to surprise many.

No Delta flights from Guam are being entertained anymore, both online and via telephone bookings. Its website has also been updated, posting a notice that Delta's Guam flights will end Jan. 8, 2018.

In its official statement, Hiroko Okada of Delta Air Lines corporate communications department said

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Arrivals up 25 percent in August

Visitors arrivals to the Marianas jumped 25 percent in August 2017 compared to August 2016.

Total visits to the CNMI this fiscal year has already reached 602,176, surpassing total arrivals of 501,489 last year with one more month remaining in the fiscal year.

According to Marianas Visitors Authority numbers, visitor arrivals totaled 61,026 in August 2017, compared to 48,971 visitors received in August 2016. This marks the third highest August monthly arrivals in

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2 Rota doctors sue RHC, CHCC

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Two Rota physicians are suing the Rota Health Center and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. for allegedly failing to pay them for services in the total amount of $635,187.

Dr. Francois Claassens and Dr. James Toskas are suing the Rota Health Center and the corporation that runs it, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., in Superior Court for breach of contract and quantum meruit.

Quantum meruit determines the

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Mangloña: We owe PSS $11M, Settlement Fund $6M

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In explaining his vote against the budget bill for fiscal year 2018, Sen. Paul Mangloña (Ind-Rota) believes the Legislature owes the Public School System $11 million more and the Settlement Fund $6 million in additional funding.

Mangloña, a former Senate president, was the sole "nay" vote on the budget bill during an emergency Senate session last Saturday, while Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) voted for the budget "with reservation." The House passed the budget unanimously.

Mangloña, who read his comments

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BUDGET MEETING
Gov. Ralph DLG Torres discusses with members of his administration the proposed budget for fiscal year 2018. In the meeting with Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog were chief of staff Matthew DeLeon Guerrero, special assistant for Management and Budget Virginia Villagomez, legal counsel Gil Birnbrich, press secretary Kevin Bautista, and policy analyst Janina Maratita.

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29 take oath as new US citizens

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The new U.S. citizens have their picture taken with U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, who presided over the naturalization ceremony yesterday at the U.S. District Court for the NMI, Immigration Services officer Shelia Kelty, and Chalan Kanoa Bishop Ryan Jimenez, who was the guest speaker at the ceremony.

Chun Lam Ng Wu, 57, worked in the CNMI for 30 years. In that time, not once did he return to his homeland, China, even for a short vacation.

That self-sacrifice finally bore fruit for Wu, who was one of 29 individuals who were sworn in yesterday as new U.S. citizens.

"I am very happy," said Wu, who own the Suntinday store in Chalan Kanoa with his wife.

Wu first arrived in the CNMI in 1981 from Guangdong, China, where he worked as a carpenter. His wife followed him to the island in 1986, and worked as a restaurant waitress.

The couple has two children who were born on Saipan. Their 27-year-old son, who is now in Guam, petitioned Wu to become a U.S. citizen. Their 21-year-old daughter is studying biology at the University of California and is here for a two-week vacation.

Wu's wife is also awaiting her citizenship.

Jin Han Cody, 40, said she is excited.

"I can now vote!" the beaming Cody said.

Cody, who is from Jilin, China, first arrived in 1997 on Saipan, working at a restaurant. She then enrolled at the Northern Marianas College, where she took up nursing. As a registered nurse, she worked at the Commonwealth Health Center for eight years.

She is married to attorney Jerry Cody, who is a Labor administrative hearing officer. The couple has a 2-month-old baby.

Wu and Cody were among the 29 persons who took their oaths as new U.S. citizens in a naturalization ceremony yesterday at the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona presided over the ceremony. The new citizens are mostly from the Philippines and the rest are from Canada, China, South Korea, Taiwan, and Hong Kong.

Immigration Services officer Shelia Kelty moved to accept the 29 candidates as new U.S. citizens.

Chalan Kanoa Bishop Ryan Jimenez, who was sworn in as a U.S. citizen just last July 3, served as the guest speaker at the ceremony.

Jimenez said that looking back at his personal journey to become a U.S. citizen, three things come to mind: gratitude, values, and right to vote.

» Bishop serves as guest speaker

On gratitude, Jimenez said he feels blessed for the past 22 years that he has been a part of this community in the CNMI that he considers home.

On values, Jimenez said new U.S. citizens must not forget where they come from and how they have been accepted into this community.

"Having been welcomed to the American family, may we not only project a welcoming spirit to others but also act with genuine respect for others," he said.

On the right to vote, Jimenez urged the new citizens to exercise that right.

Jimenez said a little over two weeks after he received his U.S. passport, he immediately registered with the Commonwealth Election Commission in Susupe. As a U.S. citizen, he said is it important to participate in elections.

"Our votes are our voices. Use it to decide leaders and issues that will shape our community and our lives. It is important that your voice in the electoral process is heard," he said.

"Be grateful, keep your values, and exercise your rights," he added.

Aside from Wu and Cody, the other new citizens are April Gonzales Alfonso, Qian Wu Cabrera, Cristina Sacramento Dela Cruz, Dennis Diesta Drew, Myrna Ilustre Duenas, Anna Liza A. Guancia, Wing Tang Huang, Kyung Ja Kim, Kyu Yeon Kim, Eun Sun Yoo Lee, Jong Ho Lee, Eden Drice Limes, Marilyn Dejumo Manalo, Jingky M. Marcelo, and Feofaaki McMahon.

The other new citizens are Mel Jean A. Mendoza, Jaime Espino Pascual, Nympha Dig Sharts, Joy Yusingco Silva, Nora P. Stewart, Ma. Amelita T. Tadios, Amor Silva Taitingfong, Ramiro H. Trinidad, Roger Aurellano Vales, Celia Lao Vales, Jocylyn M. Villagomez, and Jaime Salen Zulueta.

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Call for Nominations
2017 Governor's Humanities Awards

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is accepting nominations for the 2017 Governor's Humanities Awards.

This event, held annually in October as a part of CNMI Humanities Month, recognizes outstanding contributions to the humanities by individuals and organizations in the community.

Nominees should have a notable humanities achievement in the past year, as demonstrated in any of the following four categories:

- **Research and Publication in the Humanities;**
- **Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices;**
- **Preservation of CNMI History; and**
- **Outstanding Humanities Teacher (in both classroom and non-classroom settings).**

A fifth category, **Lifetime Achievement**, recognizes significant contributions to the humanities over multiple decades. This award may be given posthumously.

Nomination forms and instructions are available at the Council's office in the Springs Plaza Building, Gualo Rai, or on the council website at www.northernmarianashumanities.org.

Nominations may be made by any member of the general public and **are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 13 October 2017.**

Awards will be presented in a special ceremony in October (time, date and venue to be announced).

For more information, contact council staff at 235-4785

Survey: Nearly half of NMI kids unsafely transported

Nearly half of the children in the CNMI are not being transported in cars in a safe manner, according to a child restraint use survey of the Department of Public Safety.

The survey shows that restraint usage rate was at 64.52 percent in 2015. That rate dropped to 57.17 percent in 2016.

A pre-survey for 2017 shows that usage rate increased to 65.76 percent.

The survey results were among the facts revealed at yesterday's proclamation signing declaring Sept. 17 to 23 as Child Passenger Safety Week and Sept. 23 as National Seat Check Saturday. The Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services joined DPS at the ceremony held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Gov. Ralph Torres and Lt. Gov Victor B. Hocog signed the proclamation.

According to the proclamation, the CNMI, with an approximate population of just 56,000, averages over 2,000 car crashes annually.

An unrestrained 1-year-old child died from an automobile crash in 2009. In 2014, an unrestrained 2-year-old child sustained serious injuries from a crash.

Over the past five years, more than 100 unrestrained children sustained injuries from automobile crashes, according to DPS.

During Child Passenger Safety Week, car seat safety checks will be held across the country. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Cultural demos front and center at IFC

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Cultural demonstrations were in the spotlight when the 2nd Annual International Festival of Cultures resumed at the Garapan Fishing Base last Saturday.

Over 10 different ethic communities that live in the CNMI demonstrated some of their unique customs.

The Chinese community showed off a unique form of *tai chi* that, according to the instructor, is not easily mastered because it takes immense time and concentration.

The Filipino community showcased an array of handmade jewelry. Individuals were given the option to get their names or words handcarved on bracelets.

The Japanese community exhibited popular Japanese games, with children demonstrating how the *kendama* is played.

Other communities showcased similar demonstrations and crafts, while a few had on their cultural attire, like the Korean community. Members of the Korean community were in full authentic Korean formal wear.

The Pohnpeian and Chuukese communities showcased their traditional skirts and *mwars* while performing their cultural dances.

Others had authentic traditional food, like the Bangladesh community.

Group steps in to help Harvey victims

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The Carolinian Affairs Office is hosting a coin drive to raise funds that will be donated to individuals in Houston, Texas, who were devastated by Typhoon Harvey, many of them migrants from the Commonwealth.

CAO executive director John Tagabuel said he was prompted to help raise funds to help the victims of the catastrophe after learning that many are former Saipan residents.

"We found out there are folks from the CNMI that were in the heart of the storm that hit Texas. There are nine CNMI families that are out there," said Tagabuel. "One of the things that opened my eyes to help was that two of the victims posted pictures of their house filled with water…so we just put this together last minute to raise funds for relief."

Last Saturday, as early as 10am, CAO set up tents across the Garapan basketball court and held out donation baskets to passing vehicles. "Whatever we get, it will be accounted for and sent as help from the CNMI," he said.

According to Tagabuel, when Saipan was devastated by Typhoon Soudelor, many came forward to help. Without that help, the island wouldn't have recovered as quickly as it had. "Its our turn to give back," he said.

"Just like us when we had our time with Soudelor, all around the world they were trying to extend help to us so we want to do the same," said Tagabuel.

CAO hosted the coin drive in conjunction with the Refaluwasch Advisory Council.

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BoG to consolidate 2 branches

HAGATNA, Guam—Bank of Guam will consolidate its Santa Cruz branch with its Hagatna headquarters branch on Dec. 11, 2017.

"The consolidation allows us to have a more unified capital city presence, while continuing to upgrade our services throughout the island and region," said Bank of Guam board chair, president and chief executive officer Lou A. Leon Guerrero.

"We will be reaching out to our customers to assure them that the transition will be seamless and our Santa Cruz employees will remain with the Bank of Guam. We look forward to welcoming those who have frequented our Santa Cruz facility to whatever other branch they choose to use."

The bank is celebrating 45 years of operation throughout its 23 branches in Guam, the CNMI, the Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Palau, and San Francisco, California. ***(PR)***

MANGLOÑA

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into the record based on a four-page letter, pointed out that the CNMI Constitution mandates a budget for PSS that is 25 percent "of what is considered the general fund." With general fund revenues estimated at $46 million, 25 percent of that is $11 million, he said.

"Our actions…could mean an approximately $11 million shortfall for PSS this coming fiscal year alone," said Mangloña, adding that the amount could be even more if fiscal years 2015 to 2017 are included.

Mangloña also believes PSS should receive 25 percent of casino-generated gross revenue tax, or CGRT,. He said that this year's CGRT is estimated at about $58 million and that PSS should receive $14.5 million, a quarter of the total amount.

"For this year so far, we have not given PSS a single dollar. Yet we have passed several CGRT piecemeal appropriations totaling more than $28 million," he said.

A previous supplemental appropriation went to the payment of land compensation judgments as well as the retroactive lump-sum pay.

"I am convinced that in this fiscal year 2018 budget bill, we owe PSS [about] $11 million…and [the] Settlement Fund [about] $6 million more in adjusted annual minimum payment," said Mangloña, adding that the $6 million is possibly owed the Settlement Fund as per the Settlement Fund Agreement., which sets an annual minimum payment to be remitted to the Fund annually. If the annual minimum payment is less than 17 percent of the total annual revenue for that certain fiscal year, then the difference must be paid to the Settlement Fund. The Legislature previously appropriated a total of $7.1 million to the Settlement Fund to settle the balances for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.

Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) explained that the audit report for fiscal year 2016 has yet to be released so the amount owed to the Settlement Fund for fiscal year 2016 has not been determined.

Same passion

Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) said during budget deliberations that the Senate is fully aware of what Mangloña was stating. He also assured Mangloña that the Senate hears him.

"We all feel the same way—we all believe in the same priorities," said Igisomar, adding that all the items Mangloña mentioned were discussed during Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee meetings.

Igisomar told the Senate floor that he agrees with Manglona that the "retirees' pension should not be diminished or impaired."

"That statement was brought to this Legislature when I was chairman of the Retirement Fund and then [I was] fired when I came here telling this Legislature to pay their employer contributions," he said.

"I feel you, I hear you. We are all share the same passion. Our people need our help," said Igisomar.

'Yes with reservation'

Prior to this, Santos told the Senate that she noticed a reduction of "over a hundred thousand" in the budget of the first senatorial district.

"I have also noticed that in the compromise budget, the controversial and ludicrous salary increases were restored… such that if the court rules that the salary increase is enforceable, the funding is readily available," she said, referring to the certified question filed with the CNMI Supreme Court by Attorney General Edward Manibusan and Finance Secretary Larissa Larson.

If the court deems the increase to be unconstitutional, $104,759 will be diverted to the Department of Public Works for streetlights and $380,900 will go to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

"The [salary increase] issue could be addressed through a standalone legislation so more reviews or studies could be made as to what is actually a reasonable salary for legislators," said Santos, adding that she hopes the court comes out with a ruling so that if it is deemed unconstitutional, the funding could be "released immediately" to DPW and CHCC.

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amount to be paid for services when no contract exists or when there is doubt as to the amount due for the work performed but done under circumstances when payment could be expected.

Claassens is demanding payment of $308,000 for all administrative leave, while Toskas is seeking payment of $327,187 for all administrative leave.

Toskas has been with the Department of Public Health since 1997, employed as a physician to serve Rota.

In 2005, Claassens was transferred from the Commonwealth Health Center where he was an emergency room physician, to RHC, where he has been employed since then.

According to their lawyer, Stephen J. Nutting, when Toskas joined RHC in 1997, Dr. Rod Klaassen was the physician on Rota.

In 2005, Nutting said, when Klaassen left RHC, he had accumulated approximately six months of administrative leave. Pursuant to the agreement that was then in place, Klaassen allegedly continued to be paid for about six months for the leave he had accumulated.

In 1998, Nutting said, the CNMI government and Toskas entered into a contract with specific terms and demands that Toskas outlined in a letter to the RHC resident director on March 11, 1998.

In 2005, because of Klaassen's departure, RHC recruited Claassens to transfer from Saipan to Rota.

Nutting said that Claassens agreed to transfer to RHC in 2005, but did not receive a new contract until 2006.

As an incentive to encourage Claassens' move to Rota, RHC allegedly agreed to provide certain "locum coverage" to Claassens and Toskas which provided for additional pay of $500 per day, or for administrative leave as had been previously been given Klaassen and Toskas.

For a period of seven years between June 2005 and December 2012, Nutting said, Claassens accumulated 5,264 hours of administrative leave.

The lawyer said that, on Jan. 15, 2013, two years after CHC became the CHCC, the RHC resident director, Sydie Taisacan, met with Toskas and Classens.

He said Taisacan confirmed that each were owed administrative hours for extra work performed, that Claassens is owed 4,928 hours and Toskas is owed 5,235 hours of administrative leave.

Nutting said that at Claassens' present hourly rate of $62.50 an hour, he is owed $308,000, while Toskas, at his present hourly rate of $62.50 an hour, is owed $327,187.

Nutting said after a number of meetings with representatives of CHCC and its attorney, it became apparent that CHCC and the government questioned its obligations.

As a result, the lawyer said, Toskas and Claassens sent a demand to the Office of the Attorney General, and notifying the attorney general of a possible lawsuit to recover damages for RHC, CHCC, and the government's anticipated breach of contracts.

On Jan. 9, 2017, Nutting said, the AG responded that they would not honor Toskas and Claassens' contracts and would not consider any claims for quantum meruit to compensate them for the work that the doctors had performed beyond their normal work schedule.

Nutting said RHC and CHCC have breached their contract with Claassens and Toskas.

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that Delta has decided to discontinue its service between Narita and Guam by January 2018, as the demand has not been strong enough to sustain the route.

Currently, there are three carriers that service the Guam-Narita route: Delta, United Airlines, and Japan Airlines.

"I am surprised to know the news of Delta pulling out from Guam," said Tasi Tours president Masato Tezuka.

According to a Guam resident who declined to be named, the news of Delta Air Lines pulling out of Guam lessens the number of airport hubs that they can go through and get a connecting flight to the U.S. mainland and Europe. "If we want to go to the mainland or other parts of the world from Guam, we would [have to] either go to Seoul or Manila first."

Delta Air Lines' flight service from Narita to Saipan and Narita to Palau remain unchanged.

"The Delta flight from Narita-Saipan…is not affected by the pullout in Guam. Their service [on] Saipan has less competition, making [the] Narita-Saipan route a steady [source of] revenue," said Tezako.

According to Tezako, Delta's pullout from Guam will not necessarily divert more Japanese tourists to Saipan.

"I do not think the Delta pullout from Guam will support or divert more Japanese tourist to go to Saipan. Guam is negatively affected by the threat of North Korea. We can see the slight weakness in booking to Saipan, because of this reason," he added.

ARRIVALS

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Marianas history, the record being 65,803 in August 1995.

"Overall, visitor arrivals are 31 percent higher so far this fiscal year compared to the same period last year, and that's due to many factors, both international and local," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "Most important locally, the allotment of the hotel occupancy tax as the only source of funding for all of the MVA's programs—other than a mere $1 appropriation—is crucial to our continued tourism success. The Marianas needs marketing, and we need product development. It is proven that this is a winning formula for the economy, and we believe it is best that the tax remain intact for the MVA so we can continue to grow the economy."

Arrivals from South Korea continued their double-digit upward trajectory, jumping 44 percent to 30,936 visitors. Arrivals from Korea are up 70 percent overall this fiscal year, driven by the stable supply of air seats.

As of August 2017, one national flag carrier and four low-cost carriers—Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, Jin Air, T'way, and Eastar Jet—provide Incheon-Saipan flight services, while Asiana Airlines and Jeju Air also offer flights between Busan and Saipan.

Since Jeju Air has confirmed to commence four times weekly Busan-Saipan services until March 2018 and T'way will be operating daily Incheon-Saipan flight service back starting from December 17, 2017. a continuous growth of Korean visitors is expected.

Arrivals from China grew 20 percent compared to August 2016 to 22,453 visitors. Several agent and media familiarization trips to the Marianas during the month, including DFS Agent FAM, Travel Channel filming, and virtual reality filming, will stimulate these agencies to promote the Marianas and allow the travelers to experience the islands authentically.

The ADEX Ocean Week on Aug. 31 showcased the best diving resources and culture of the islands. With the help of this platform, Chinese travelers are expected to stabilize and attract more diving enthusiasts to visit.

Arrivals from Japan were at 4,843 visitors in August, 23 percent lower versus August 2016. With Delta Air Lines' single daily flight from Tokyo-Narita, airlift remains a key challenge for this important market.

Heavily discounted travel packages available to Hawaii and Guam via Air Asia X and T'way, respectively, also make Saipan packages comparatively higher.

Also, pricing and perceived value for travel to Saipan is higher in comparison to other destinations.

Delta has added Saipan to their ongoing beach resort promotional campaign beginning in July, which includes promotions to Hawaii, Palau, and Guam.

Japan arrivals are expected to stabilize, although the MVA remains cautious in its projections due to various factors that continue to affect this critical market.

Delta has also announced plans to use larger aircraft beginning mid-November 2017 through March 2018, adding 24 additional daily seats, which should increase overall arrivals from Japan.

Economic highlights

The South Korea Finance Ministry has raised the country's growth outlook to 3 percent from the previous forecast of 2.6 percent. It is the first time in three years the Korean government has lifted its growth target back to the 3 percent range. The average U.S. dollar/won exchange rate in August was 1,133.87 won, a slight decrease from the previous rate of 1,139.33 won in July.

The China Consumer Price Index of July 2017 saw an overall increase of 1.4 percent year on year. In September, the island tourism product price index is estimated to be 130.6, a decrease of 2.2 percent compared with August.

Short-distance destination such as Bali and the Marianas fell slightly. Among all the island group tour products, the Marianas tourism products experienced the most remarkable decrease, seeing a link ratio decrease of 10.1 percent.

A combination of improving consumer confidence and dynamic investments in Japan led the economy to expand at the fastest pace in over two years in Q2 of 2017. Monthly average rate of U.S. dollar to Japanese yen exchange in August 2017 was 109.77, up compared to 112.34 in July. ***(PR)***

GCA's Eichenberger makes it to scholarship program

Grant C. Eichenberger of the Grace Christian Academy has been named a semifinalist in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program.

National Merit Scholarship Corp. officials announced Wednesday last week the names of approximately 16,000 merit scholarship semifinalists.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than $32 million that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition.

About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and about half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 420 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

About 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2016 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. The number of semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a finalist, the semifinalist and his or her high school must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. A semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

From the approximately 16,000 semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit scholarship winners will be selected from this group of finalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

Three types of National Merit scholarships will be offered in the spring of 2018.

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National Merit scholarship winners of 2018 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 330,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title. ***(PR)***

FOA presents one-act comedies

The Friends of the Arts' first production of the new season, *One-Act Comedy Night*, presents an evening of offbeat one-act comedies that will be enjoyed by all.

The comedies were written by David Ives, Robert Anderson, and Shel Silverstein and will be performed by Cherlyn Cabrera, Harold Easton, Neil Fama, Gios Gozon, Maria Mettao, Deirdre Rosete, Chuck Sayon, Emma Timmons, Rinisa Torres, Kristine Wolf, and Les Wolf.

It will be directed by Harold Easton and produced by the Friends of the Arts.

It will be staged at the Dolphin Theatre, located inside the Marianas High School campus, and will run on the evenings of Sept. 22, 23, and 24 at 7pm. Seats can be reserved now. Tickets for non-FOA members will cost $8, while tickets for adult FOA members will cost $6 and students is $4. Seats are limited. Reserve yours tickets by calling Frank Gibson at 287-7476 or by e-mail at flgibson@yahoo.com.

FOAs is the Commonwealth's performing arts and community theater organization. ***(PR)***

Free seminar on small business taxes

The CNMI Small Business Development Center will be offering a free business seminar on Saipan at the Commonwealth Development Authority boardroom on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017, from 8am to 12pm.

The free seminar is called "Everything You Need to Know About Small Business Taxes" and will be presented by the CNMI Division of Revenue & Taxation and CNMI Division of Customs Services.

To register, contact the SBDC office at (670) 664-3018 or online by going to http://pisbdcn.ecenterdirect.com/events to register. ***(PR)***

Search for top UOG alumni nears end

The University of Guam Alumni Association, together with the University of Guam Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, is excited to announce that nominations for the 2017 UOG Distinguished Alumni Awards will be accepted until Oct. 2, 2017 (extended from Sept. 15), no later than 4pm.

The announcement for the search was made on July 17.

A total of six awards will be given to deserving individuals.

Five awards will be given to one individual from each of the university's schools and colleges: College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, College of Natural & Applied Sciences, School of Business & Public Administration, School of Education and School of Nursing and Health Sciences. One award will be given to an alumnus/alumna who is currently serving or is retired from military service.

All recipients will be recognized at the All-Class UOG Alumni Reunion scheduled for Oct. 28, 2017, at the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa, from 6pm to 9pm. They will each receive a plaque, a certificate of recognition from the president of the University of Guam; and will be featured in a news release distributed to all local media. Awardees will be featured on the university's website and social media channels.

To see previous winners visit: www.uog.edu/alumni/distinguished-alumni-awards. ***(UOG)***

US-N. Korean tensions prompt delay in Guam-Japan flights

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Tensions between the U.S. and North Korea have prompted a Hong Kong-based airline to delay flights between the U.S. Pacific territory of Guam and Japan.

HK Express announced five weeks ago that it planned to start the flights on Oct. 29, but has since delayed flights until next summer "in view of geopolitical concerns in the region," Pacific Daily News reported.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has threatened Guam. The country has fired two missiles over Japan including one launched on Friday.

Passengers who bought tickets will get refunds, HK Express said in a statement Friday. Customers outside of Guam will also be eligible for a destination change or free transfers to United Airlines flights.

The flight cancellation is the latest hit for the island since tensions with North Korea escalated.

The island's tourism industry lost $9.5 million in August after there were more than 7,000 cancellations from tours, school groups and business ventures—mostly from Japan—despite Guam leaders' constant reassurance that the island is safe and well-protected from possible attacks, according to a report by the Guam Visitors Bureau.

"It's hard to change the perception of visitors that now see Guam as risky," the bureau's Global Marketing Director Pilar Laguana said earlier this month.

HK Express also stopped Guam-Hong Kong flights in June. That cancellation was prompted by operational cost concerns, said Nathan Denight, the president and CEO of the visitors bureau.

EEO opportunity, civil rights updates at SHRM meeting

An official of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Honolulu and two lawyers from the Washington, D.C. office of the U.S. Department of Justice will be the next guest speakers of the Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter on Friday, Sept. 22.

Glory Gervacio, director of the EEOC's Honolulu Office, along with Jenna Grambort and Sebastian Aloot from the U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., will be presenting on the topic of "Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Rights–Updates and Current Issues."

The SHRM program will be held at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's SandCastle on Friday, from 8:30am to 2:30pm. This will be a special full-day program that will discuss a range of EEO and civil rights issues to include immigration-related employment practices, increased retaliation concerns, EEO-related investigation procedures, LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, an transsexual) protections, and other varied topics of concern. They will provide information on the rights of employees and how businesses can avoid discrimination and create a better workplace for all. They will also be available to answer questions.

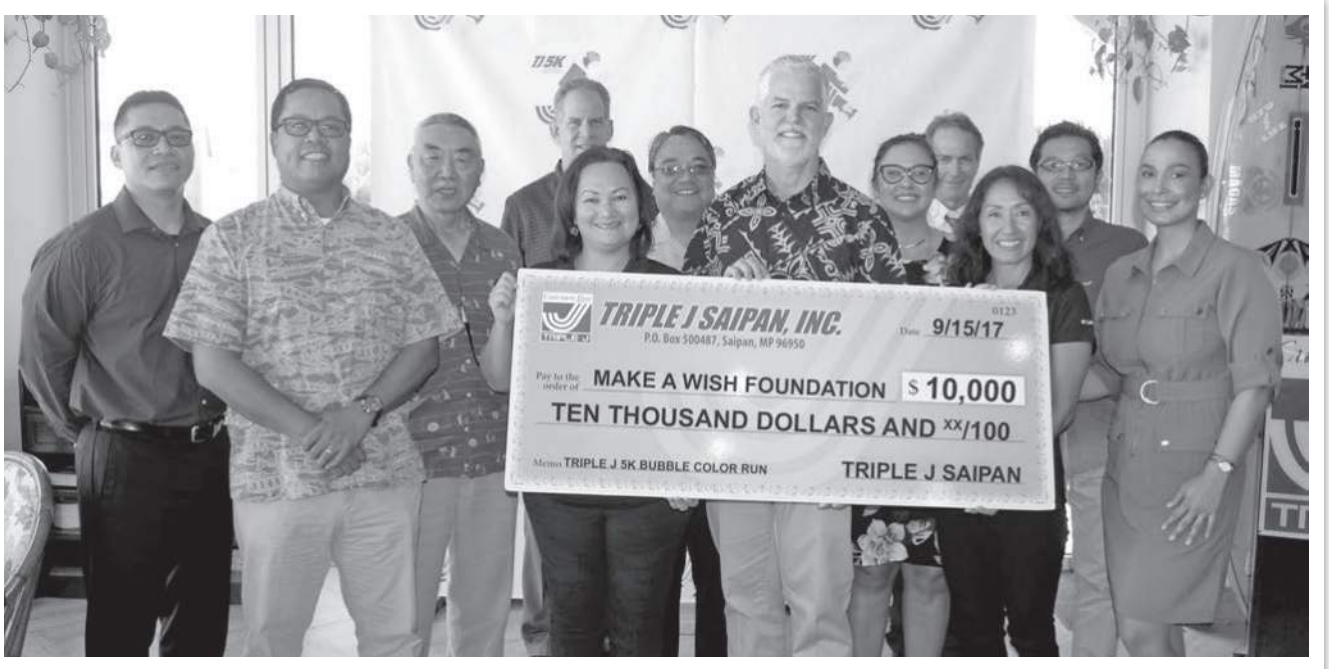
Gervacio last visited the CNMI and spoke at a SHRM conference in September 2015.

Grambort serves as a trial counsel with the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices.

Aloot is a special litigation counsel with the DOJ and used to serve as the Commonwealth attorney general during the administration of former governor Froilan Tenorio.

This presentation is open to the public and includes the Hyatt lunch buffet and morning snacks and drinks at the cost of $40 for SHRM members and $50 for non-members.

Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Penny Jones by email at penelope.jones@hyatt.com or Denise Montenegro at denise.montenegro@hyatt.com or by telephone at 323-5867/68. ***(PR)***



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The Triple J Saipan, Inc. officials on Friday handed over a $10,000 donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation Guam CNMI Chapter at the Surf Club restaurant in Susupe as a beneficiary of the Triple J fun run called the "Foam and Fun Run." The other beneficiary, the Commonwealth Cancer Association, also received $10,000.

USCG takes part in Orange Boat Initiative in Chuuk

SANTA RITA, Guam—U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam personnel have returned from Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia after a week-long trip in support of the Orange Boat Initiative.

The Orange Boat Initiative is one example of several international capacity building activities Coast Guard Sector Guam is working on with the government of FSM to enhance search and rescue capabilities within the region.

OBI was launched in 2015 after a successful search and rescue case resulting in the location of an adrift 15-year-old male due to the contrasting orange interior of his vessel to the dark blue sea.

The U.S. Embassy in FSM successfully solicited for vessel owners to participate in this important event, which resulted in 178 small boats and two fishing vessels receiving high contrast vessel interiors.

Sector Guam personnel also provided boating safety training and the importance of always wearing properly fitted life jackets while in a vessel.

On the joint efforts within the region, L Cdr. Joshua Empen of U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam said, "We greatly appreciate the collaborative efforts of the citizens of Chuuk, the government of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the U.S. Embassy in supporting search and rescue initiatives that improve the safety of mariners throughout Oceania." ***(PR)***

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Rota's waving culture up close and personal

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ROTA—If you are a newcomer or even a returning visitor, expect an island resident to wave at you.

On Rota, everybody is equal, welcome, and the word stranger is alien to this place. Feel the warmth, friendliness, and the sense of belonging when you are on Rota and expect to see people wave at you, whether you know them or not.

That is how Rota conveys its hospitality.

"Growing up, ever since I can remember, we have been waving at people whether we know them or not," said Rota resident Bobbie Jean Taisacan. "Rota is such a small island, we know each and everyone here. It's a tradition that we continue to do. Waving at people is something I think that will go on for many years as we are a small community. If we see people from other islands we wave at them. It's just the most natural thing to do. When I have my own kids, I would like them to pick up that trait."

That common Rota trait is so ingrained that they have made it a part of a celebrated part of their culture, called "Aluf Luta."

"'Aluf' is a Chamorro word that means hand wave," explained another Rota resident, Aubrey Hocog. "We just always wave. What is so unique about Rota is it is instilled in the people to always show a way of welcoming not only visitors but also locals alike. When you are driving on the roads, you always see people wave at you. For me, I just grew up with it," Hocog said.

It is also a sign of respect, she said. "Growing up, our parents would always tell us to show respect. So at home you say *amen* to your elders and then they bless you. Outside of the home, everywhere we go we just wave as a sign of respect."

Saipan resident Gina Camacho loves the Rota wave. "In my opinion, it is unique because I only see it [on] Rota. It makes me feel welcome, I feel a part of the island. …I don't think you will…see this [elsewhere].

"[On] Saipan we nod at each other but here it is literally the hand so you see immediately that people acknowledge you. It's like they see me and they know I am here. That is the charm of Rota and I will come back again," she said.

For Barbara Camacho, the Rota wave is an integral part of the island's culture.

"I make sure I wave at people and they wave back. It's funny because when I go off-island, I carry that trait with me and wave at people. Some find it strange but some wave back too. My children are accustomed to it so they know… it is just natural, you do it. My children and grandchildren are picking it up. I can say that this is one of the good traits of the people of Rota. We are known for being a friendly people and friendly island," she said.

Another Rota resident, Cecilia Cerilla, said the waving culture is something passed on by one resident to another.

"I first experienced it when I landed on the island. My boss picked me up from the airport and saw him waving at everybody so I thought he knew everybody. Later, he explained that everybody waves. I went for a walk and I waved at like 60 cars or something and it does make you feel welcome," she said.

Even visitors from off-island have taken up the hand-waving culture of Rota.

"I am here for research from the University of Washington. I really love the Rota wave. You drive down the road and you see people waving at you, it makes you feel welcome. I hope even if we are someplace else we carry on the trait but I do think it's a Rota thing and that's why it's so special," said Olivia Mitchell, who is from Utah.

Rota just celebrated Aluf Luta Week from Aug. 21 to Aug. 31. It marked the third year that the CNMI's southernmost island celebrated the event to recognize hand waving and its role in Rota's culture as a tradition that signifies peace, friendliness, and respect.

BEA CABRERA
A signboard that was drawn and painted by Rota school children promotes the Rota wave campaign.

Bobbie Jean Taisacan waves with Rota firefighters. BEA CABRERA

Gina Camacho from Saipan. BEA CABRERA

Barbara Camacho from Rota. BEA CABRERA

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Rota residents Cecilla Cerilla, left, and Olivia Mitchell.

Aubrey Hocog does the Rota wave. BEA CABRERA

Seventh Circuit hears territorial voting rights challenge

» Decision expected in time for 2018 midterm elections

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit heard oral arguments Friday in *Segovia v. United States*, an equal protection challenge by plaintiffs in Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands who would be able to absentee vote for President and voting representation in Congress if they lived in other U.S. territories or a foreign country, but are denied such rights based solely on their ZIP code.

The Appeals Court panel consisted of Judge David Hamilton, Judge Ilana Rovner, and Judge Daniel Manion. Oral argument will be posted online.

Earlier this week, the Trump Department of Justice filed a last-minute letter with the court arguing that the remedy to any equal protection violation should be to strip away statutorily provided voting rights that are already guaranteed to residents of certain territories. At oral argument, Hamilton asked several questions about remedy. As plaintiffs explained in its response to DOJ and at argument, the Supreme Court has never "leveled down" as a remedy to an equal protection violation in voting rights cases, and the Seventh Circuit shouldn't do so here.

With respect to the federal and state defendants' arguments that territories can each be treated differently with respect to voting rights, Rovner expressed skepticism to the idea that "being treated differently" can itself be a justification for being treated differently. Plaintiffs argued in court there was simply no justification to expand absentee voting rights to the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa, and foreign countries, while denying them in Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

None of the judges raised the Insular Cases during oral argument.

While the District Court had relied on the controversial, Plessy-era Insular Cases to rule that the right to vote is not a "fundamental right" in U.S. territories, not even the defendants in the case supported this view.

A group of prominent academics filed an amicus brief rejecting any reliance on the Insular Cases to restrict voting rights in U.S. territories.

"We made a powerful case today that where you live should not impact your right to vote," said Neil Weare, president and founder of We the People Project, a nonprofit that advocates for equal rights and representation in U.S. territories. "The fact that residents of the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico who are recovering from Hurricane Irma and residents of Guam who face nuclear threats from North Korea are denied any voting representation in Washington highlights the important work that remains, both in the courtroom and through the political process."

"I was pleased to see the judges engaged in these important issues, and look forward to a decision from the court," said Geoffrey Wyatt, who argued the case for Plaintiffs.

A decision in the case is expected early next year, in time for the 2018 Mid-Term Elections.

The *Segovia* plaintiffs are appealing a district court decision that relied on the much-maligned *Insular Cases* to hold for the first time that the right to vote is not a "fundamental right" in U.S. territories. In doing so, it applied the lowest level of judicial scrutiny—rational basis review—to uphold federal and state overseas voting laws that allow former state residents to continue voting for President and voting representation in Congress by absentee ballot if they live in the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, or a foreign country, but not Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or Puerto Rico. All case filings are available at http://www.equalrightsnow.org/segovia.

Luis Segovia, the lead plaintiff, is a member of the Guam Army National Guard, serving two deployments to Afghanistan. He also was deployed to provide security during the 2005 Iraqi elections**.** Also serving as plaintiffs in Guam are Anthony Bunten, also a veteran, and the Iraq, Afghanistan and Persian Gulf veterans of the Pacific. Attorney Leevin Camacho serves as local counsel.

In the U.S. Virgin Islands, plaintiffs include Pamela Colon, a criminal defense lawyer, Lavonne Wise, and the League of Women Voters for the Virgin Islands. Colon and Wise had made travel arrangement to attend the argument, but their flights were cancelled as a result of the devastation brought by Hurricane Irma. Attorney Semaj Johnson serves as local counsel.

In Puerto Rico, plaintiffs include Jose Antonio Torres, a disabled Vietnam-era veteran who also served for 22 years in the U.S. postal service, and Tomas Ares, another Vietnam-era veteran.

Segovia v. United States received attention earlier this year as one of the first cases successfully funded by CrowdJustice, an online crowd-fundraising platform. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Important MHS events

Marianas High School swill have its first PTA meeting at the counseling office on Wednesday, Sep.20, starting at 6pm. Agenda includes election of officers; student canteen proposal, etc.

Friday, Sept. 22, is half-day for all students. Dismissal is at 12:30pm. The first quarter mid-progress reports will be released from 4pm to 6pm at the E courtyard. We encourage all students and parents to take part in these important events. ***(PR)***

PTSA meeting for Kagman cluster schools

The Kagman cluster schools will be having a PTSA meeting on Thursday Sept. 21, 2017, at 5pm at the Kagman High School cafeteria. We are encouraging all parents, and guardians to attend this meeting. Please call the school at 237-3921 or 664-4100 if you have any question or concerns. ***(PR)***

Survivors & caregivers support meeting on Sept. 14

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the monthly support meeting on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017, starting at 5:30pm, at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Class of 1987 gears up for reunion

The Class of 1987 will be having its 30th-year class reunion on Sept. 23. The reunion is open to any CNMI Class of 1987 graduate, regardless of which high school they graduated from. A Mass in honor of departed classmates will be held at the San Antonio Church on Sept. 23, 2017, at 4pm. The reunion will follow immediately after the Mass, from 5:30pm to 10pm, at the Surf Club (beach side) in Chalan Kanoa, the former Pacific Gardenia Sunset Bar and Grill. To purchase a reunion ticket or to get more information, send an email to cnmiclassof87@gmail.comt. ***(PR)***

SSHS PTSA meeting set

Saipan Southern High School will have a Parent, Teacher, Student Association meeting on Sept. 20, Wednesday, at the school cafeteria, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. ***(PR)***

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, MP 96950

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW-17-RFP-028

A/E DESIGN FOR THE CONVENIENCE CENTER/MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION KAGMAN AND AS-GONNO, SAIPAN CNMI

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed Proposals for A/E Design for the Convenience Center/Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Station Kagman and As-Gonno, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated 2004 ed. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-305** of the regulations.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Board of Professional Licensing. Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Florence C. Sablan, Executive Director, at telephone numbers (670)234-5897/5898 or by facsimile to (670) 234-6040.

The RFP Package and Scope of Work is available on or after **September 5, 2017** at the Department of Public Works, Office of the Secretary, 2nd Floor, Oleai Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **Fifty Dollars ($50.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

A Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the **Department of Public Works Conference Room**, 2nd Floor Oleai Joeten Commercial Building on **September 21, 2017**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor Oleai Commercial Center, Saipan, no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **October 6, 2017**.

SELECTION CRITERIA: This procurement is made in accordance with **§70-30.3-305** of the CNMI Procurement Regulations, 2004 ed. Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff – 25%
2. Experience of the firm(s) on similar type projects – 25%
3. Project Approach – 30%
4. Schedule of Completion – 20%

The entire Proposal must not be more than Twenty-Five (25) pages in length. A firm that submits a Proposal as a prime consultant cannot submit as a subconsultant on another Proposal. However, a sub-consultant may submit as sub-consultant on proposals by more than one prime consultant.

The successful Proposer shall be subject to a responsibility determination in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, **§70-30.3-245**.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "DPW-17-RFP-028". For Proposers located within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **October 11, 2017**. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **October 11, 2017**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **October 11, 2017** – AND must be received no later than **October 20, 2017**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. Fee proposals is solicited; however, this information shall not be considered in the selection of the most highly qualified Firms. Fee proposals may be used in determing a fair and reasonable price.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the Government. All Proposals shall become the property of the Government.

James A. Ada
Secretary of Public Works

Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Fifteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the Board of Education Conference Room, Building 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

AGENDA[1]

I. Preliminary
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
   a. August 23, 2017 Special Board Meeting

II. Public Comments[2]

III. Reports
1. Chair
2. Board Committees
   a. CIP
   b. FPA
   c. ISA
   d. LIA
   e. SARC
   f. SICPP
3. Commissioner of Education
   a. Financial Status Reports
      i. Federal
      ii. Local
   b. Head Start Program
   c. Others

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business
1. Student Assessment for School Year 2016-2017
2. Revised Compensation Plan
3. Special Education Program Compensation Plan
4. Graduation Requirement Policy Amendment Proposal
5. PSS-NMTI Memorandum of Agreement
6. Certification and Licensure Matters
   a. CLO Report 2017-011
   b. CLO Report 2017-012

VI. Executive Session[3]
1. Legal Updates
2. Personnel/Certification
3. Other matters

VII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

VIII. Adjournment

[1] In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.
[2] Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[3] Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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EDITORIAL

Seeing Saturn: An amazing milestone for Cassini

Twenty years ago, the Cassini-Huygens spacecraft began its 4.9 billion-mile odyssey to Saturn with a picture-perfect liftoff. The $3.9 billion mission—a three-way collaboration among NASA, the Italian Space Agency and the European Space Agency—was ambitious by the standards of any age. Saturn, with its dozens of moons that have fascinated astronomers since the 17th century, was ready for a nearly two-decadelong close-up.

When Cassini-Huygens spacecraft arrived in 2004, it quickly discovered that Saturn's neighborhood was much bigger and denser than expected. There are at least 69 moons we are now aware of, thanks to Cassini snooping around, but there are probably more to be discovered.

For 13 years, Cassini has been orbiting what is arguably the most beautiful planet that isn't Earth in our solar system. It has photographed Saturn thousands of times from various angles. It has also documented the thickness and weirdness of its multiple rings and cataloged its moons from afar.

Early in the mission, the Huygens lander separated from the Cassini orbiter and lit off for the hydrocarbon wilderness of Titan, Saturn's largest and most fascinating moon.

In doing so, Huygens became the first spacecraft to land on a moon other than our own. That in itself became an impressive technological feat that got lost in the relentless successes of the overall mission.

While a close-up look at Titan with its frozen lakes and rivers was expected to be one of many highlights of the mission, what absolutely blew scientists away was discovering the water and snow-like plumes jetting up miles from the surface of the moon Enceladus. That was not expected when the mission was put together.

Cassini flew through the snow and ice plumes during its many drive-bys of the moon, but it isn't carrying technology designed to detect and analyze microbial life if it is present. That will have to wait for another mission.

As for Cassini itself, all good things must come to an end. On Friday at 7:55 a.m. Eastern time, the 4,685-pound probe rapidly descended through the rings and deeper into the planet's gravitational clutches.

Once NASA finished maneuvering it to the planet's upper atmosphere, one of the most spectacular light shows in the solar system began. Cassini began skipping across the upper atmosphere of Saturn like a stone thrown a certain way skips across the surface of a lake before sinking.

Back on Earth, scientists listened for Cassini's last gasp. They mourned its passing. Cassini has been our most reliable set of eyes and ears in that sector of our mysterious planetary neighborhood. It has transmitted hundreds of thousands of breathtaking images of worlds that humans may or may not ever see up close.

In doing so, Cassini has made the vastness of our solar system a little more intimate. As a species, we are so much more enriched by the Cassini-Huygens mission. Future missions will do even more, but that doesn't detract from Cassini's monumental achievement. Well done, good and faithful spacecraft.

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I lost the election because I am a woman and the media was unfair!!
WHAT HAPPENED
...and millions of deplorable white people voted against me!!
WHAT HAPPENED
...and these people don't even believe in climate change...that's why HARVEY and Irma devastated those red states!
WHAT HAPPENED
Mrs. Clinton...can you tell us why the Republicans are your biggest supporters for your book tour?
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What if South Korea acted like North Korea?

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Think of the Korean Peninsula turned upside down.

Imagine if there were a South Korean dictatorship that had been in power, as a client of the United States since 1953.

Imagine also that contemporary South Korea was not the rich, democratic home of Kia and Samsung. Instead, envision it as an unfree, pre-industrialized and impoverished failed state, much like North Korea.

Further envision that the U.S. had delivered financial aid and military assistance to this outlaw regime, which led to Seoul possessing several nuclear weapons and a fleet of long-range missiles.

Next, picture this rogue South Korean dictatorship serially threatening to incinerate its neighbor, North Korea—and imagine that North Korea was ruled not by the Kim dynasty, but by a benign government without nuclear weapons.

Also assume that the South Korean dictatorship would periodically promise to wipe out Chinese cities such as Shanghai and Beijing. The implicit message to the Chinese would be that the impoverished South Koreans were so crazy that they didn't care whether they, too, went up in smoke—as long a dozen of their nuclear-tipped missiles could blow up Chinese cities and paralyze the second-largest economy in the world. Assume that these South Korean threats had been going on without consequences for over a decade.

Finally, in such a fantasy scenario, what if the United States falsely claimed ignorance of much of its South Korean client's nuclear capability and threats. America instead would plead that it regretted the growing tension and the reckless reactions of China to the nuclear threats against it. Washington would lecture China that the crisis was due in part to its support for its North Korean ally.

For effect, the United States would occasionally issue declarations of regret and concern over the situation—even as it warned China not to do anything to provoke America's provocateur ally.

In such a fantasy, American security experts and military planners would gleefully factor a roguish nuclear South Korea into U.S. deterrent strategy. The Pentagon would privately collude with the South Korean dictatorship to keep the Chinese occupied and rattled, while the U.S. upped shipments of military weaponry to Seoul and overlooked its thermonuclear upgrades.

The American military would be delighted that China would be tied down by having an unhinged nuclear dictatorship on its borders, one that periodically threatened to kill millions of Chinese. South Korea would up the ante of its bluster by occasionally test-launching missiles in the direction of its neighbor.

Question: How long would China tolerate having weapons of mass destruction pointed at its major cities by an unbalanced tyrannical regime?

In response, would Beijing threaten a nuclear Seoul with a preemptory military strike, even though the Chinese would know that Seoul could first do a lot of nuclear damage?

Would China conclude that the United States was the real guilty party because it tacitly sanctioned South Korea's possession of nuclear weapons?

Would China then warn the U.S. to pressure Seoul to disarm?

Would Beijing cease all trade with America?

Would China boycott, embargo or blockade South Korea?

Would China be furious that after ensuring that its own client, North Korea, remained non-nuclear and played by the rules, America had deliberately done exactly the opposite: empowering its dictatorial client, South Korea, to become a nuclear power in order to threaten China?

In other words, if China and North Korea found themselves in the same respective positions of current America and South Korea, the world may well have already seen a preemptive Chinese attack on Seoul to remove its nuclear capability.

The international community would already have seen China expel the conniving Americans from Chinese embassies, cut trade with the U.S., disrupt American banks and threaten the use of force against the U.S. mainland.

The truth of the North Korea missile crisis is not the boilerplate assumption that China is the key to the solution, but rather that China is by design the root of the problem.

China did not fail to realize that North Korea was developing a nuclear arsenal. Rather, it calculated that North Korea would do exactly what it is now doing, and that such nuclear roguery would serve China's strategic interests both on the Korean peninsula and in its rivalries with the United States and with America's allies in Asia.

In other words, if China were in America's position, we would have likely witnessed a tragically destructive war a long time ago.

China should make the necessary corrections now, before things get even worse.

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Trips, adventure? No thanks, I prefer home

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Aren't there some trips you just don't want to take?

"Reckless O soul, exploring," urged Walt Whitman. "For we are bound where mariner has not yet dared go. And we will risk the ship, ourselves, and all." My mother, who never left the East Coast, had that line scribbled on an index card and Scotch-taped to our fridge. Inspired by her, my older brother traveled around the world alone when he was 26 with a backpack and barely enough money to get him from one youth hostel to another.

Differently inspired, I've always liked staying home.

Not that I don't go places. For example, I've taught myself, through therapy and the application of prescribed pharmaceuticals, how to get on planes. I actually have a note from my doctor saying, in effect, "Please allow Ms. Barreca to board early so that she can sit down, shut up and not go into the kind of hysterics that have been known to lower the price of publicly traded airline stock."

Some travel companies offer a subset of trips best summed up as "Off to See the Foreigners!" or "Peering at Poverty from a Safe Distance." These permit rich folks to travel safely and conveniently through miserable areas to witness poor people forge souvenir art and dance in costumes harking back to 1910 (when they were still quaint) or to visit schoolchildren who recite folk ballads by rote. Although the tourists might believe they are educating themselves about changing global politics, what they are actually doing is inoculating themselves against emerging cultures.

But at least these excursions have an ostensible purpose. Many don't.

Amanda Mitchell's nightmare vacation would be having to stay at tacky Trump hotel properties and another pal suggested that touring the Betsy DeVos Library would probably be extremely painful, albeit mighty quick. "Any cruise in a ship that holds thousands," says my friend Gina Rarick, "is a bad idea. I was stupid enough to try it once. Won't fall for that again. Never go to a party you can't leave."

While it's hard for me to go on uncomfortable jaunts just for fun, my husband loves traveling to exotic places and dreams of adventures even more marvelous. This is one reason Michael often travels with his less nervous friends. Last year, he went to Alaska for a month to camp with an old pal. They took ferries, encountered grizzly bears and flew in tiny planes over icy tundra.

I wasn't jealous. "Get a look at that tundra!" is not a phrase I have ever hoped to say. Looking at photographs after he returned, however, was dandy.

Planning his next excursion, Michael has recently been looking through a huge paper publication, which unfolds itself to the size of an 16th-century broadside, and contains an extensive list of upcoming voyages. He read aloud some of the more curious options, including one that boasted, "fishing for piranha in the Amazon" after travelers have "walked the jungle."

"You'd pay for this?" I asked. He looked at me askance.

I envy those with bolder souls than my own. "See the pyramids along the Nile," I can say to Michael, "But remember, all the while, you belong to me. Also remember, all the while, where you put the bug spray, bandages and Epi-Pen."

Our personal maps of experience are not constructed by where we can stick a pin on a map but by what has struck our imagination. Bon voyage. Stay away from haunted junior highs.

Immigrants will play a crucial role in hurricane recovery efforts

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After Hurricane Katrina, grocery and big box stores all over the Gulf Coast found themselves having to create whole aisles devoted to Latino food. Mexican food trucks were everywhere in New Orleans. What caused this transformation of the food scene? Immigrants coming north to help rebuild after the storm.

With the announcement that the Trump administration will end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program, it is all the more important to understand why immigration matters at times like these. As areas of Texas, Louisiana and Florida face a long and historically expensive recovery from Harvey and Irma, they need to learn all they can from Katrina. One of those lessons was the importance of immigrant labor in the rebuilding process.

During these times, immigration will relieve pressure on the market for lower-skilled labor. As the demand for cleanup and construction labor grows, workers have to come from somewhere. There are some willing native-born Americans, but from past experience it's clear that there aren't enough Americans who both need the work and are willing to do it for the current wage.

The increased demand for labor will push up wages, and higher wages will attract workers to Texas and Florida. If we continue to close the door to immigrants, those workers will have to come from elsewhere in the United States, reducing the number of workers and raising labor costs along the Gulf Coast or in other areas.

One way to gain that additional labor without labor costs rising as high would be to open the door to more immigrants. Higher local wages in the immediate aftermath of the storm will make it worthwhile for workers to come from Mexico and the Caribbean. That influx of labor will push wages back down, closer to where they were before.

High wages are certainly a good thing for workers already in those industries, but not for people looking to rebuild. The victims of Harvey and Irma need to rebuild cheaply while the rest of the country avoids suffering the ripple effect of rising wages.

Post-hurricane wages for unskilled labor will offer immigrants much more lucrative work than they could get at home, making it worth the risk and inconvenience of coming to the United States. Those wages would also enable them to send remittances back home, improving the lives of their families.

Immigrants' wages would also help rebuild flooded communities by becoming a source of demand for local and national businesses as they reopen.

Putting down the welcome mat for immigrants in the aftermath of Harvey and Irma is good for the same reasons immigration has always been good. It provides more lucrative work, enabling them to live a better life with their loved ones. It also gives them the resources and connections to begin to build lives as productive and engaged citizens.

Increased immigration also creates much-needed slack in the post-hurricanes labor market. The more new entrants to the labor force we can get through immigration, the smaller the increase in labor costs elsewhere in the U.S. economy will be.

The anti-immigrant message sent by ending DACA will make it harder to attract such labor than it was after Katrina. This will make recovery more difficult and expensive than it needs to be, revictimizing those affected by the recent hurricanes and harming others around the country who will also face higher labor costs.

Raging wildfires threaten drinking water

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If you live in the Northwestern part of the continent, as I do, there has been no escaping this year's extraordinary wildfire season.

Tens of thousands of people have been forced to evacuate their homes. Tourists and hikers destined for national parks such as Glacier, Waterton, Yosemite and Mount Rainier have had to cancel plans or suffer through noxious smoke drifting in from fires, some hundreds of miles away. Hardly a day goes by when a public health official isn't warning people to stay inside or reduce physical activity.

Once the smoke clears, a more enduring problem will emerge. Forests play a large role in regulating climate change and rainfall patterns over land. They also act as filters for water consumed by hundreds of millions of people.

But once trees catch fire, they unleash ash, sediments and various noxious chemicals. And heat from fires undermines soil stability. Then, when heavy rain falls, tainted water slides into rivers rather than seeping into underground aquifers. If it rains hard enough, flooding often follows, especially when there are no trees to take up what moisture is absorbed into the soil.

The inevitable overload of carbon and sediment coming from a big fire can interfere with a water treatment plant's disinfection process, just like a dishwasher with a plugged drain. When that happens, carbon reacts with chlorine and produces undesirable chemical byproducts, including known and suspected carcinogens.

The science of wildfire hydrology has been around for some time. But most government agencies wouldn't consider funding research into this field until the 2002 Hayman fire burned nearly 138,000 acres of forest in the Colorado Rockies, producing catastrophic results.

Without trees, vegetation and a stable soil structure to absorb the heavy rains that followed, Colorado rivers and streams degraded by ash, debris, heavy metals and other contaminants flooded through a watershed that serves 75 percent of the state's residents. Fifteen years after the fire, the blue-ribbon South Platte River trout fishery has still not fully recovered.

A similar thing is happening in Fort McMurray, in Alberta, Canada, where a 2016 fire forced the evacuation of 90,000 people. This year, that city is likely to spend two to three times more on chemicals to keep its drinking water safe. Portland, Ore., now at the center of fires burning in that traditionally soggy state, is being monitored for water contamination, as are a number of other cities.

There are no easy solutions. Fires are burning bigger, hotter, faster and more often in forest landscapes occupied by humans. Humans are responsible for igniting most wildfires. Climate change increases the risk because heat dries out forests and increases the likelihood of lightning.

Ramping up water treatment systems is one (expensive) option. Enhanced protection of our forested watersheds is a better solution. Healthy forests are an inexpensive way of keeping our water clean and filtered. In a world of bigger, hotter fires, it is time to think of forests as vital infrastructure, and to invest in preserving these resources for the future.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East to northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
▲88° ▼78°

WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
▲87° ▼77°

THURSDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲87° ▼77°

FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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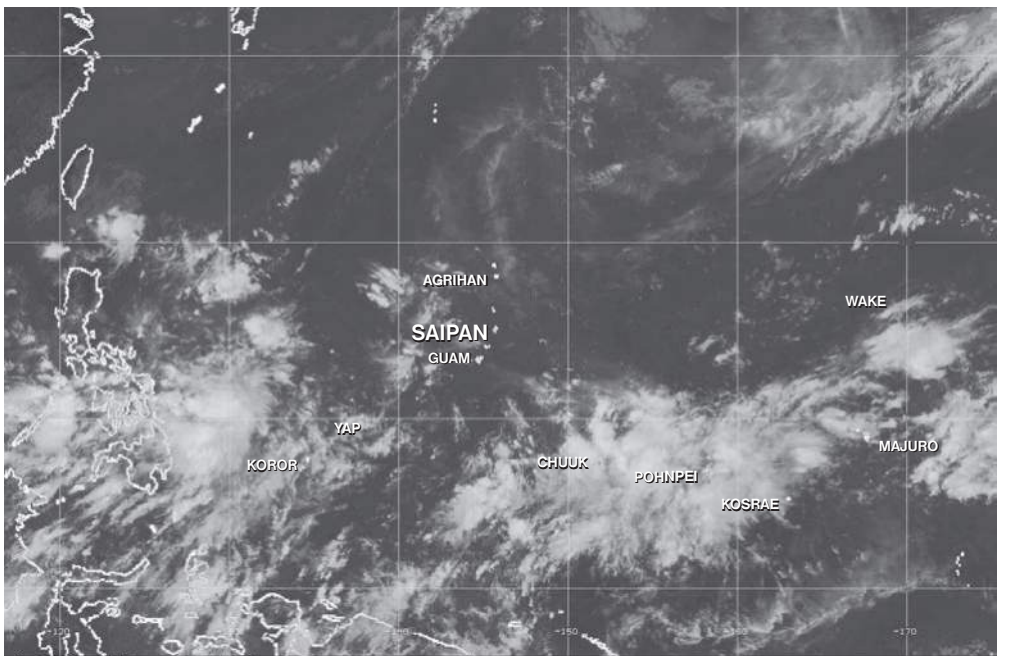
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

No changes were needed to the forecast. Moist unstable conditions will keep isolated thunderstorms in the forecast for the next week or so, and a weak circulation will bring scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms to the Marianas as it passes the islands Tuesday night and Wednesday. Combined seas will increase slightly Tuesday night and Wednesday as east swell builds a little. A 3 foot NW swell will keep the rip risk moderate for the next few days.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 77°
Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	88° / 81°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	88° / 78°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	88° / 78°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	63° / 52°
Beijing	Sunny	82° / 57°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	88° / 82°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	86° / 75°
London	Partly Cloudy	63° / 48°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	78° / 64°
Manila	Thunderstorms	88° / 79°
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	66° / 52°
Miami	Mostly Sunny	87° / 79°
New York	Rain	73° / 69°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	81° / 66°
Paris	Showers	63° / 43°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	79° / 64°
Rome	Showers	70° / 52°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	89° / 69°
San Francisco	Windy	66° / 55°
Seoul	Sunny	77° / 57°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	81° / 68°
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	80° / 68°

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	1:35am	5:20am	2, 3, 4
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
ZE582	3:40am	7:00am	Daily
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	4:45am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:00am	10:25am	1
JD396	4:50pm	8:15pm	4

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:00am	1, 2, 4, 6via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	3, 5, 7 via GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:40pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:40pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	4:40am	8:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1, 2, 3
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
TW307	8:05pm	1:35am+1	5, 6
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
ZE581	9:00pm	2:40am+1	Daily
LJ651	10:00pm	3:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:10am	3:30pm	4
JD395	10:05pm	5:30am+1	7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:20am	3:00pm	Daily

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
PR110/UA6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:20pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:10pm	1:00am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA116/6395	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

2017 Green Gala

Board members of the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance pose for a picture last Friday during the third annual Green Gala.
KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

A band called the Street Boys performed during the first half of the Green Gala held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan last Friday.
KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Adam Walsch, fourth from the left, of the Hasselback Law Office pose for a photo with MINA board members after receiving the Green Business of the Year award last Friday at the third annual Green Gala.
KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

A band called Uprooted CNMI performs an originally composed song written for MINA during the 3rd Annual Green Gala last Friday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.
KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Meolina Garcia, fifth from left, of Marianas High School poses for a photo with MINA board members after receiving the Environmental Hero of the Year award last Friday at the third annual Green Gala.
KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

The third annual Green Gala held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan last Friday featured a silent auction.
KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Lina Dimaano, fifth from the left, of TanHoldings Corp. poses for a photo with MINA board members after receiving the Environmental Champion award last Friday at the third annual Green Gala.
KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

MINA executive director Roberta Guerrero, left, and MINA board chair Fran Castro pose for a picture at the third annual Green Gala at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.
KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Nation

Trump, in new dig, mocks N. Korea leader as 'Rocket Man'

AP

A South Korean news magazine with front cover photos of U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, right, and a headline "Korean Peninsula Crisis" is displayed at the Dong-A Ilbo building in Seoul, South Korea, Monday, Sept. 11, 2017.

SOMERSET, N.J. (AP)—President Donald Trump on Sunday mocked the leader of nuclear-armed North Korea as "Rocket Man" while White House advisers said the isolated nation would face destruction unless it shelves its weapons programs and bellicose threats.

Trump's chief diplomat held out hope the North would return to the bargaining table, though the president's envoy to the United Nations said the Security Council had "pretty much exhausted" all its options.

Kim Jong Un has pledged to continue the North's programs, saying his country is nearing its goal of "equilibrium" in military force with the United States.

North Korea will be high on the agenda for world leaders this coming week at the annual meeting of the U.N. General Assembly, Trump's biggest moment on the world stage since his inauguration in January.

Trump is scheduled to address the world body, which he has criticized as weak and incompetent, on Tuesday.

Trump, who spent the weekend at his New Jersey golf club, tweeted that he and South Korean President Moon Jae-in discussed North Korea during their latest telephone conversation Saturday.

Asked about Trump's description of Kim, national security adviser H.R. McMaster said "Rocket Man" was "a new one and I think maybe for the president." But, he said, "that's where the rockets are coming from. Rockets, though, we ought to probably not laugh too much about because they do represent a great threat to all."

McMcaster said Kim is "going to have to give up his nuclear weapons because the president has said he's not going to tolerate this regime threatening the United States and our citizens with a nuclear weapon."

Asked if that meant Trump would launch a military strike, McMaster said "he's been very clear about that, that all options are on the table."

Some doubt that Kim would ever agree to surrender his arsenal.

"I think that North Korea is not going to give up its program with nothing on the table," said Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Kim has threatened Guam, a U.S. territory in the Pacific, and has fired missiles over Japan, a U.S. ally. North Korea also recently tested its most powerful bomb.

The U.N. Security Council has voted unanimously twice in recent weeks to tighten economic sanctions on North Korea, including targeting shipments of oil and other fuel used in missile testing. Trump's U.N. ambassador, Nikki Haley, said North Korea was starting to "feel the pinch."

Trump, in a tweet, asserted that long lines for gas were forming in North Korea, and he said that was "too bad."

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said he was waiting for the North to express interest in "constructive, productive talks."

"All they need to do to let us know they're ready to talk is to just stop these tests, stop these provocative actions, and let's lower the threat level and the rhetoric," he said.

But Haley warned of a tougher U.S. response to future North Korean provocations, and said she would be happy to turn the matter over to Defense Secretary Jim Mattis "because he has plenty of military options."

Interior secretary recommends shrinking 6 national monuments

WASHINGTON (AP)—Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is recommending that six of 27 national monuments under review by the Trump administration be reduced in size, with changes to several others proposed.

A leaked memo from Zinke to President Donald Trump recommends that two Utah monuments—Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante—be reduced, along with Nevada's Gold Butte and Oregon's Cascade-Siskiyou.

Two marine monuments in the Pacific Ocean also would be reduced under Zinke's memo, which has not been officially released. The Associated Press obtained a copy of the memo, which was first reported by the Wall Street Journal.

Trump ordered the review earlier this year after complaining about improper "land grabs" by former presidents, including Barack Obama.

National monument designations add protections for lands revered for their natural beauty and historical significance with the goal of preserving them for future generations. The restrictions aren't as stringent as national parks, but some policies include limits on mining, timber cutting and recreational activities such as riding off-road vehicles.

The monuments under review were designated by four presidents over the last two decades. Several are about the size of the state of Delaware, including Mojave Trails in California, Grand-Staircase Escalante in Utah and Bears Ears, which is on sacred tribal land.

No other president has tried to eliminate a monument, but some have trimmed and redrawn boundaries 18 times, according to the National Park Service.

Zinke told the AP last month that unspecified boundary adjustments for some monuments designated over the past four decades will be included in the recommendations submitted to Trump. None of the sites would revert to new ownership, he said, while public access for uses such as hunting, fishing or grazing would be maintained or restored.

He also spoke of protecting tribal interests and historical land grants, pointing to monuments in New Mexico, where Hispanic ranchers have opposed two monuments proclaimed by Obama.

Zinke declined to say whether portions of the monuments would be opened up to oil and gas drilling, mining, logging and other industries for which Trump has advocated. It was not clear from the memo how much energy development would be allowed on the sites recommended for changes, although the memo cites increased public access as a key goal.

A spokeswoman for Zinke referred questions Sunday night to the White House, which did not offer immediate comment.

If Trump adopts the recommendations, it would quiet some of the worst fears of his opponents, who warned that vast public lands and marine areas could be lost to states or private interests.

But significant reductions in the size of the monuments, especially those created by Obama, would mark the latest in a string of actions where Trump has sought to erode his Democratic predecessor's legacy.

The recommendations cap an unprecedented four-month review based on Trump's claim that the century-old Antiquities Act had been misused by past presidents to create oversized monuments that hinder energy development, grazing and other uses.

The review raised alarm among conservationists who said protections could be lost for areas that are home to ancient cliff dwellings, towering sequoia trees, deep canyons and ocean habitats. They've vowed to file lawsuits if Trump attempts any changes that would reduce the size of monuments or rescind their designations.

Dozens arrested as St. Louis readies for more protests

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Hundreds of police officers in full riot gear responded to the streets of downtown St. Louis after another day of peaceful demonstrations over a former police officer's acquittal in the death of a black man gave way to property damage and dangerous encounters with officers.

Another round of protests were planned for Monday, with demonstrators planning to meet at 7 a.m. near Union Station downtown.

A judge on Friday ruled that Jason Stockley, a 36-year-old who left the department and moved to Houston three years ago, was not guilty in the 2011 death of Anthony Lamar Smith. The ruling set of raucous protests throughout the weekend.

Hundreds of people marched through the streets of downtown, the posh Central West End, and the trendy Delmar Loop area of nearby University City. Protesters also marched through two shopping malls in a wealthy area of St. Louis County.

Sunday's protest began at the police headquarters downtown. Following the same pattern of the previous days, well over 1,000 people marched peacefully for several hours.

By nightfall, most had gone home. The 100 or so demonstrators who remained grew increasingly agitated as they marched toward the core of downtown. Along the way, they began to knock over planters, broke windows at a few shops and hotels, and scattered plastic chairs at an outdoor venue.

Things got worse when, according to police, demonstrators sprayed bottles with an unknown substance on officers. Police were still trying to determine what was in the bottles.

One officer suffered a leg injury and was taken to a hospital. His condition was not known.

Soon after, buses brought in additional officers in riot gear, and police continued to search downtown deep into the night.

Police made dozens of arrests shortly before midnight when people ignored orders to disperse.

Later, officers in riot gear gathered along the side of Tucker Boulevard chanting "whose street, our street," a common refrain used by the protesters, after successfully clearing the street of demonstrators and onlookers.

Protest organizers said they were frustrated that a few people who have caused trouble at night could make it harder to spread their nonviolent message.

Asia

Bangladesh restricts Rohingya refugees, starts immunization

AP
Rohingya Muslim women, who crossed over from Myanmar into Bangladesh, stretch their arms out to collect sanitary products distributed by aid agencies near Balukhali refugee camp, Bangladesh, Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017.

COX'S BAZAR, Bangladesh (AP)—Bangladeshi authorities are taking steps to restrict the movement of Muslim Rohingya refugees living in crowded border camps after fleeing violence in Myanmar, whose military chief maintains that the chaos was the work of extremists seeking a stronghold in the country.

Bangladesh has been overwhelmed with more than 400,000 Rohingya who fled their homes in the last three weeks amid a crisis the U.N. describes as ethnic cleansing. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who lambasted Myanmar for "atrocities" during a visit to border camps last week, left Dhaka to address the annual U.N. gathering in New York.

Refugee camps were already beyond capacity and new arrivals were staying in schools or huddling in makeshift settlements with no toilets along roadsides and in open fields. On Sunday, police were checking vehicles to prevent Rohingya from spreading to nearby towns in an attempt to control the situation.

"There is an instruction from the prime minister that we must treat Rohingya Muslims maintaining human rights," said A.K.M. Iqbal Hossain, a police superintendent. "As many private and social organizations are coming and distributing relief, sometimes chaos breaks out."

He said with the scale of the crisis "it's very difficult to keep order, but we are doing so."

The refugees began pouring from Myanmar's Rakhine state after a Rohingya insurgent group launched attacks on security posts Aug. 25, prompting Myanmar's military to launch "clearance operations" to root out the rebels. Those fleeing have described indiscriminate attacks by security forces and Buddhist mobs.

The Myanmar government describes most of the hundreds who have died as "terrorists," while saying 176 out of 471 Rohingya villages have been abandoned. Myanmar has insisted that Rohingya insurgents and fleeing villagers are destroying their own homes. It has offered no proof to back these charges.

Ethnic Rohingya have faced persecution and discrimination in majority-Buddhist Myanmar for decades and are denied citizenship. The government says they illegally migrated to Myanmar from Bangladesh, though many Rohingya families have lived there for generations.

"The violence was an organized attempt of extremist Bengalis in Rakhine state to build a stronghold," Myanmar's powerful military chief Min Aung Hlaing said Saturday, according to a statement posted on his official Facebook page. "They have demanded recognition as Rohingya, which has never been an ethnic group in Myanmar."

He called on the nation to be "united in establishing the truth" and for all the country's citizens to "have unity with their love for the country," including members of the media.

With the U.N. saying there are some 240,000 children among the refugees living in dire conditions, Bangladeshi authorities have kicked off a massive immunization drive. Abdus Salam, the top government administrator in the Cox's Bazar district hospital, said that some 150,000 children would be immunized over seven days for measles, rubella and polio.

"There are a lot of weak and malnourished children among the new arrivals," UNICEF's representative in Bangladesh, Edouard Beigbeder, said in an email. "If proper preventive measures are not taken, highly infectious diseases, especially measles, could even cause an outbreak."

As the weather fluctuates in Cox's Bazar between rains and sunny and humid days, many children are suffering from flu and risk pneumonia, Salam said. Many are suffering from diarrhea, dehydration, skin diseases or worse.

In a state hospital, a Rohingya man who identified himself as Rahmatullah was looking over his 10-year-old son recovering from a bullet that left a deep wound as it pierced his right leg.

"Why did they shoot him? What's his crime? He is just a child," Rahmatullah said. "They came and started shooting indiscriminately."

Eric P. Schwartz, head of the U.S.-based charity Refugees International and a former assistant secretary of state for population, refugees and migration, said he couldn't recall seeing so much misery and called for international pressure on Myanmar to stop the violence.

"The stories that we are hearing. I visited a hospital yesterday, children ages 1, 5, 10 suffered burn wounds, gunshot wounds and with human beings essentially treated like animals," he said.

Young democracy activist among Macau election winners

HONG KONG (AP)—Macau voters have elected a young pro-democracy activist to the Chinese casino capital's legislature, as opposition lawmakers expanded their presence at the expense of candidates linked to the gambling industry.

The results released early Monday are a surprising sign of faith in young people with progressive ideas among Macau's notoriously apathetic electorate.

Official results showed that 26-year-old Sulu Sou won a seat in voting Sunday for the city's semi-democratic legislature.

Sou's party, the New Macau Association, favors full democracy for the 33-seat legislature, where only 14 seats are directly elected while the rest are filled by trade and special interest groups or appointed by the city's top leader. The party also aims to reinvigorate interest in politics among the former Portuguese colony's younger generation.

He was one of five victorious candidates seen as representing the opposition camp, including three incumbents plus another newcomer, Agnes Lam, a university professor. Sou could not be reached for comment.

Sou has done well in "projecting an image of freshness and youthfulness in Macau's political landscape," said Sonny Lo, a politics professor at HKU Space. Over the past five years, Sou "has been working very hard to raise all sorts of issues which were traditionally regarded as sensitive in Macau," such as political reform. In 2014, he also helped lead the city's biggest protest since its 1999 handover to China, which saw 20,000 people take to the streets to rally against a government plan to give civil servants lavish retirement benefits.

Macau's economy has boomed over the past decade as supercharged growth in the casino industry transformed the enclave from a seedy and neglected backwater into a glitzy gambling powerhouse.

But Lo, who calculated that gambling industry-related candidates lost two seats in direct voting, said the results indicate "many younger voters believe that the legislative assembly should not be dominated by the casino-related forces."

Results showed 57.2 percent of registered voters cast ballots in Macau, a semiautonomous Chinese region near Hong Kong.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Philippines: Troops rescue Catholic priest amid battle

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine officials say government forces have rescued a Roman Catholic priest and another civilian who were among dozens of people abducted in May when hundreds of militants aligned with the Islamic State group laid siege on southern Marawi city. Presidential adviser Jesus Dureza and two senior security officials say troops retrieved the two late Saturday after a battle to recapture a key mosque and another Islamic building used as a command center by the gunmen in Marawi. The two security officials spoke on condition of anonymity Sunday because they were not authorized to publicly disclose details about the ongoing assaults. An army commander, Col. Romeo Brawner, says troops were battling to eradicate about up to 80 remaining militants who may be holding more than 40 hostages.

Toll from typhoon rises to at least 9 in Vietnam; 4 missing

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—The death toll from Typhoon Doksuri has risen to at least nine, with four people still missing since the storm hit Vietnam last week. The Vietnam Disaster Management Authority said Sunday the typhoon that battered the central coast on Friday also injured 112 people and destroyed or damaged more than 150,000 houses in six provinces. Some 528,000 households still did not have electricity as of Sunday. The typhoon also caused destruction of infrastructure, agriculture and fisheries. The disaster management authority said some 31,000 soldiers and police were mobilized to help residents in three hard-hit provinces. The Southeast Asian country of 93 million is vulnerable to tropical storms with its long coastline on the South China Sea. Flooding and storms kill hundreds of people each year in the country each year.

Roadside bomb kills 6 tribal officials in Pakistan

KHAR, Pakistan (AP)—A roadside bomb killed a senior tribal government administrator and five tribal police in Pakistan near the Afghan border on Sunday, officials said. Fawad Ali, the assistant administrator, was traveling with the police to attend a meeting in the Bajur tribal region when their vehicle was struck by the device. Anwarul Haq, another tribal official, said the device was detonated remotely, and that a search for the perpetrators is underway. The Pakistani Taliban claimed the attack. Islamic militants have long operated in the tribal region along the Afghan border, where they attack security forces and those seen as cooperating with the central government.

World

Top US diplomat says closing embassy in Cuba 'under review'

NEW YORK (AP)—The Trump administration is considering closing down the recently reopened U.S. Embassy in Havana following a string of unexplained incidents harming the health of American diplomats in Cuba, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said Sunday.

Tillerson's comments were the strongest indication to date that the United States might mount a major diplomatic response, potentially jeopardizing the historic restart of relations between the U.S. and Cuba. The two former foes reopened embassies in Washington and Havana in 2015 after a half-century of estrangement.

"We have it under evaluation," Tillerson said of a possible embassy closure. "It's a very serious issue with respect to the harm that certain individuals have suffered. We've brought some of those people home. It's under review."

AP

The Hotel Capri in Havana, Cuba, is photographed Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017. New details about a string of mysterious "health attacks" on U.S. diplomats in Cuba indicate the incidents were narrowly confined within specific rooms or parts of rooms.

Of the 21 medically confirmed U.S. victims—diplomats and their families—some have permanent hearing loss or concussions, while others suffered nausea, headaches and ear-ringing. Some are struggling with concentration or common word recall, The Associated Press has reported.

Some victims felt vibrations or heard loud sounds mysteriously audible in only parts of rooms, leading investigators to consider a potential "sonic attack." Others heard nothing but later developed symptoms.

Tillerson once called the events "health attacks," but the State Department has since used the term "incidents" while emphasizing the U.S. still doesn't know what has occurred. Cuba has denied any involvement or responsibility but stressed it's eager to help the U.S. resolve the matter.

The U.S. has said the tally of Americans affected could grow as more cases are potentially detected.

The last reported incident was on Aug. 21, according to a U.S. official briefed on the matter. The official wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly and requested anonymity.

A decision to shutter the embassy, even temporarily, would deal a demoralizing blow to the delicate detente that President Barack Obama and Cuban leader Raul Castro announced in late 2014. The next year, embassies were reopened and restrictions on travel and commerce eased—signs of a warming relationship that displeased some hard-liners in Cuba's government. President Donald Trump has reversed some of the changes, but left many in place.

Tillerson spoke on CBS' "Face the Nation" as world leaders and top diplomats descended on New York for annual U.N. General Assembly meetings. President Donald Trump will give his first speech on the major global platform this week.

Cuba is also represented at the U.N., but it's not expected Trump will meet with any Cuban leaders or officials during his visit.

The U.S. hasn't identified either a culprit or a device. Investigators have explored the possibility of sonic waves, an electromagnetic weapon, or an advanced spying operation gone awry, U.S. officials briefed on the probe told the AP. The U.S. hasn't ruled out that a third country or a rogue faction of Cuba's security services might be involved.

In Washington, lawmakers in Congress have been raising alarm over the incidents, with some calling for the embassy to be closed. On Friday, five Republican senators wrote Tillerson urging him to not only shutter the embassy, but also kick all Cuban diplomats out of the United States - a move with dramatic diplomatic implications

UK lowers terror threat level as subway bomb probe advances

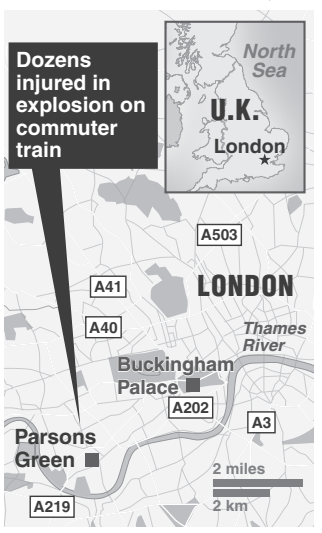
LONDON (AP)—British police made progress Sunday in their frantic pursuit of suspects and evidence connected to the bomb that partially exploded on a packed London subway, leading counter-terrorism officials to lower the country's threat level because they no longer considered a fresh attack to be imminent.

Home Secretary Amber Rudd announced the downgraded terror threat level hours after London police said a second suspect was in custody and a second property was being searched in connection with Friday's attack that injured 30 people.

Rudd cautioned that the investigation was ongoing and that Britain still faced a substantial threat even though the terror level had been reset to "severe" from "critical."

"Severe still means that an attack is highly likely, so I would urge everybody to be vigilant but not alarmed," she said.

The advancing investigation was welcome news for London commuters who had anticipated heading to work



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Monday morning while suspects remained at large and police were racing to round them up before they could hit the city again.

Mark Rowley, who heads the police counter-terrorism operation, said the traveling public still would see an increased police and military presence in the coming days.

"For practical and precautionary reasons, we made the decision that the increased resources will continue for the beginning of this week," Rowley said. "So the public will still see that high level of policing presence; some armed, some unarmed."

He said two properties were being searched and that police had "much more to do."

The fact that a second person—a 21-year-old man—was arrested under the Terrorism Act offered the clearest proof yet that police and security services believe the subway bombing was not just the work of one person.

The first suspect, an 18-year-old man, was arrested early Saturday in the departure area of the port of Dover, where ferries leave for France on a regular basis. The second was arrested in Hounslow in west London shortly before midnight Saturday.

Both were questioned Sunday at a south London police station. They have not been charged or identified.

The subway bomb caused limited casualties because it failed to completely explode. Officials say 30 people were injured, including some hurt in the panic that ensued, and all but one have been released from the hospital. Most of the injured suffered burns.

Hurricane Maria heads toward already battered Carib islands

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)—A strengthening Hurricane Maria swirled toward the eastern Caribbean early Monday, with forecasters warning it probably would be a major storm by the time it passed through the already battered Leeward Islands later in the day.

Maria grew into a hurricane Sunday, and forecasters said it was expected to become much stronger over the next 48 hours following a path that would take it near many of the islands wrecked by Hurricane Irma and on to Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

Hurricane warnings were posted for Guadeloupe, Dominica, St. Kitts, Nevis, Montserrat and Martinique. A tropical storm warning was issued for Antigua and Barbuda, Saba, St. Eustatius and St. Lucia. Other islands were warned to stay alert for changes in the storm. Hurricane watches were up in the U.S. and British Virgin Islands, the island shared by French St. Martin and Dutch St. Maarten, St. Barts and Anguilla.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said Maria had maximum sustained winds of 85 mph (140 kph) late Sunday. It was centered about 100 miles (165 kilometers) northeast of Barbados and heading west-northwest at 13 mph (20 kph).

The hurricane center said hurricane conditions should begin to affect parts of the Leeward Islands by Monday night, with storm surge raising water levels by 4 to 6 feet (1.2 to 1.8 meters) near the storm's center. The storm was predicted to bring 6 to 12 inches (15 to 30 centimeters) of rain across the islands, with more in isolated areas.

Maria could make a direct hit on Puerto Rico, which was spared the full brunt of Irma although much of the island had its power knocked out.

Gov. Ricardo Rossello said officials had prepared about 450 shelters with a capacity for nearly 68,000 people—or even 125,000 in an emergency. He said schools were cancelled for Monday and government employees would work only a half day.

Officials in the Dominican Republic urged people to leave areas prone to flooding and said fishermen should remain in port.

Farther north, long-lived Hurricane Jose continued to head northward off the U.S. East Coast, causing dangerous surf and rip currents. It wasn't expected to make landfall but tropical storm watches were posted along the coast from Delaware to Massachusetts' Cape Cod.

Jose was centered about 305 miles (490 kilometers) southeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, and was moving north at 9 mph (15 kph). It had maximum sustained winds of 90 mph (150 kph).

In the Pacific, Tropical Storm Norma's threat to Mexico's Los Cabos resort area at the southern end of the Baja California peninsula seemed to ease as forecasters said the storm's center was likely to remain offshore.

Norma had winds of about 50 mph (85 kph) and it was centered about 140 miles (225 kilometers) south-southwest of Cabo San Lucas. That area was hit two weeks ago by Tropical Storm Lidia, which flooded streets and homes and killed at least four people.

Focus

World leaders face crises in North Korea and Myanmar at UN

AP

A Rohingya Muslim woman, Shara Begum, who crossed over from Myanmar into Bangladesh, holds her daughter Murad Jan as she poses for a photo outside Balukhali refugee camp, Bangladesh, Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017. Bangladeshi authorities on Sunday took steps to restrict the movement of Muslim Rohingya refugees living in crowded border camps after fleeing violence in Myanmar, while that nation's military chief maintained the chaos was the work of extremists seeking a stronghold in the country.

By EDITH M. LEDERER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Facing an escalating nuclear threat from North Korea and the mass flight of minority Muslims from Myanmar, world leaders gather at the United Nations starting Monday to tackle these and other tough challenges—from the spread of terrorism to a warming planet.

The spotlight will be on U.S. President Donald Trump and France's new leader, Emmanuel Macron, who will both be making their first appearance at the General Assembly. They will be joined by more than 100 heads of state and government, including Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe, one of Africa's longest-serving leaders who is said to be bringing a 70-member entourage.

While Trump's speeches and meetings will be closely followed, it will be North Korea, which Secretary-General Antonio Guterres calls "the most dangerous crisis that we face today," that will be most carefully watched. No official event addressing Pyongyang's relentless campaign to develop nuclear weapons capable of hitting the United States is on the U.N. agenda, but it is expected to be the No. 1 issue for most leaders.

Not far behind will be the plight of Myanmar's Rohingya Muslims, victims of what Guterres calls a campaign of ethnic cleansing that has driven nearly 400,000 to flee to Bangladesh in the past three weeks. The Security Council, in its first statement on Myanmar in nine years, condemned the violence and called for immediate steps to end it. British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson is hosting a closed meeting on the crisis Monday, and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's contact group on the Rohingyas is scheduled to meet Tuesday.

Guterres said leaders would also be focusing on a third major threat—climate change. The number of natural disasters has nearly quadrupled and he pointed to unprecedented weather events in recent weeks from Texas, Florida and the Caribbean to Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sierra Leone.

While Trump has announced that the United States will pull out of the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, Macron will be hosting a meeting Tuesday to spur its implementation. And a late addition to the hundreds of official meetings and side events during the ministerial week is a high-level session Monday on the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma.

AP

People watch a TV screen showing a local news program reporting about North Korea's missile launch with an image of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, at the Seoul Railway Station in Seoul, South Korea, Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017. North Korea leader Kim said his country is nearing its goal of "equilibrium" in military force with the United States, as the United Nations Security Council strongly condemned the North's "highly provocative" ballistic missile launch over Japan on Friday. The signs read "Kim Jong Un attends the launch of the Hwasong-12 missile."

Several terrorism-related events are on the agenda. Macron is holding a meeting Monday with leaders of five African nations—Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Burkina Faso and Chad—that are putting together a 5,000-strong force to fight the growing threat from extremists in the vast Sahel region.

A side event Wednesday on "Preventing Terrorist Use of the Internet" will be attended by senior representatives of major social media companies. Co-hosts Britain, France and Italy said a global response is needed "to make the online space a hostile environment for terrorists."

Trump has accused Iran of supporting terrorists and is threatening to rip up the 2015 deal to rein in its nuclear program. With a U.S. decision due in October, ministers from the six parties to the agreement are expected to meet next week. The five others strongly support the deal.

Trump has also been critical of the United Nations and has promised to cut the U.S. contribution to its budget, which is the largest. So some diplomats were surprised that the United States would sponsor an event Monday on reforming the 193-member world body.

Trump and Guterres will speak, and the United States has asked all countries to sign a declaration on U.N. reforms. Over 100 have added their names, but Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia said Friday that "we are not sure we will sign this declaration."

He said that while "lots of ideas contained in this document are important and look similar to what the secretary-general proposes," U.N. reforms should result from negotiations among all countries instead of from "a declaration of like-minded countries."

The Security Council is holding a high-level meeting Wednesday on U.N. peacekeeping operations, which cost nearly $8 billion a year. The United States, which pays over 28 percent of the peacekeeping budget, is reviewing all the missions in an effort to cut costs and make them more effective.

While there are many side events on other global hotspots from Central African Republic and South Sudan to Libya, Mail and Somalia, the ministerial meeting will also see sessions on achieving U.N. goals for 2030 to end extreme poverty and preserve the planet, women's economic empowerment, migration and conflict prevention—a top priority of the secretary-general.

Germany's U.N. Ambassador Christoph Heusgen said the most important thing about the General Assembly ministerial session, which officially begins Tuesday and ends Sept. 25, is the opportunity for leaders to talk one-on-one or get together in groups.

"I think this is indeed the Super Bowl," he said. "If it didn't exist, one had to create this opportunity so that can people can talk to each other."

General Assembly President Miroslav Lajcak reminded member states that even representatives of countries "with profound disagreements on fundamental issues will sit side-by-side."

He suggested a simple rule: "Treat every speaker on this podium as if he or she is our own head of delegation."

"As long as we can use these meeting rooms to talk and reach compromises in good will, then we all have the collective opportunity to use the U.N. to make the world a better, and more peaceful place," Lajcak said. "If we don't do this, the failure will lie with us—not the U.N."

Overdrive

AUTO REVIEW: It's the 2018 Kia Rio and it dances on the sand

By LARRY PRINTZ
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

TNS
With the 2018 Kia Rio, count on an impressively tight structure, a quiet cabin, and a fun driving experience.

BALTIMORE — Filmmaker John Waters once described his hometown of Baltimore as being populated by "people who think they're normal but they're not." Pardon me if that sounds more like a description of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un than the denizens of Charm City, a nickname so wince-inducing, it could have only come from the minds of the city's ad agencies — which it did, long before the town deserved the accolade.

Since then, Baltimore has successfully added to the advertised charm with the revival of Fell's Point and the creation of Harborplace and its now-famous attractions: the National Aquarium, USS Constellation, Maryland Science Center, and lots of food laced with crab.

Yet maybe Mr. Waters is right: You don't spot a lot of bouffant-style hairdos or Old Bay-flavored dark chocolates in many other places.

So perhaps the city, attempting to bury its oddball past, was indeed the perfect launching pad for the all-new 2018 Kia Rio sedan and 5-door hatchback, a nameplate that's trying to change its reputation as well.

"We're very honest about our past," said James Bell, director of communications for Kia Motors America. "This company recognizes that at one point, a little less of a reputation was something that was deserved. But we're moving past that."

As if to prove the point, Bell cites the brand's many recent honors, including its second consecutive top ranking in J.D. Power's Initial Quality Study. That may not grab headlines or hearts like the upcoming rear-wheel-drive Kia Stinger sports sedan, but the achievement is significant if you're considering one of Kia's more workaday cars, like the Rio.

And while this subcompact Kia is physically small, its importance to company fortunes looms large. It's Kia's most-popular vehicle worldwide. Here? Not so much.

But that explains the car's conservative style, which boasts a European presence, especially on the five-door hatchback, thanks to its more chiseled, upright stance and a new interpretation of Kia's trademark tiger nose grille. Most importantly, the windshield is taller and more upright, lending the cabin a roomier feel. Same goes for the low-profile center console that thankfully doesn't command too much space. It's set below an instrument panel with an expansive feel. Knobs are nicely detailed with metallic inlays and rubberized edging and blessedly simple to use. The only negative are the hard plastic door panels that lack padded armrests, which make for a noticeably uncomfortable experience. But overall, material quality is impressive for the price point. It's an inexpensive Kia that doesn't feel cheap.

Motivating the front-wheel-drive Rio is an updated version of Kia's 1.6-liter four-cylinder engine mated to a six-speed manual or automatic transmission.

There's enough power to give the car a punchy feel when asked to play, although the transmission hesitates before downshifting to offer up more power. It's no speed demon but it's more than up to its mission. Best of all, the engine never gets overly vocal. In fact, the car is so lacking in road and tire noise, you'll wonder if you're in a Rio. For an entry-level scooter, there's a lot more driving fun than you'd expect.

In fact, the Rio's so progressive and predictable in its behavior, you might wonder when the hot hatch variant will be arriving, something you never would have said of a Kia Rio at any point in its history until now. There's none of the typical Korean floatiness or excessive brake dive, even at extremes. Take a corner too fast, brake hard, and crank the wheel, and the Rio will scrub off speed while maintaining way more grip than you'd expect. Credit the car's rigid structure; the suspension pieces themselves are nothing special. Nevertheless, they're perfectly tuned for the task at hand.

The seats are well-bolstered and very firm, with good front seat legroom. Legroom in the rear depends on the kindness of front seat passengers. The rear seats fold down to expand cargo space.

When it comes to tech, Kia has you covered with Bluetooth, a six-speaker stereo with satellite radio, a rear-view camera system, and a seven-inch touchscreen infotainment system with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay. Standard safety features include six airbags, side-impact door beams, electronic stability control, anti-lock brakes, hill-start assist and vehicle stability management.

Regardless of the trim level, you get an impressively tight structure, a quiet cabin and a moderately fun driving experience.

Yes, its name is Rio and it dances on the sand.

NUTS & BOLTS

- Base prices: To be announced
- Engine: 1.6-liter four-cylinder
- Horsepower: 130
- Torque: 119 pound-feet
- EPA fuel economy (city/highway): 29/37 (manual). 28/37 (automatic)
- Wheelbase: 101.6 inches
- Length: 160 inches (5-door), 172.6 inches (4-door)
- Cargo capacity: 17.4-32.8 cubic feet (5-door), 13.7 cubic feet (4-door)
- Curb weight: 2,648-2,714 pounds
- IIHS rating: Not rated

MOTORMOUTH: New cars offer no good space to store a purse

By BOB WEBER
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Q: Do you have any insight if the trend to have the console fill the entire area between the front seats will continue? I do not care for this style, as I like to keep my purse on the floor between the seats regardless of if I have a passenger in the front seat or not. I drive a Honda CRV 2007 and prefer that added space provided. The consoles now appear confining to me and leave no space for personal items. Thanks for any input you may have.

— S.S., Orland Park, Ill.

A: We did some research and could not find any new automobiles with a gap between the seats. All seem to have some sort of console, although some seem to be rather meager. A couple of the consoles look like they could be removed, but there may be no carpet beneath them. Although cars no longer have bench seats, some pickup trucks and SUVs still do.

Q: Why can I not find out what company supplied the air bags for my 2016 Toyota Camry XLE? I've run the gamut from car dealer to factory to corporate headquarters to the highway safety department. My Camry has 800 miles on it and will stay parked until I feel safe.

— R.L., Massena, N.Y.

A: Go ahead. Drive your car. Manufacturers are not installing bad air bags on any cars since the debacle with Takata. You won't get carmakers to divulge where they got anything, even the horn.

Q: Your comments are, from time to time, of value to me. However, in your column on August 13, you wrote, in connection with oncoming cars that do not have headlights on, "Blinking your lights at oncoming cars is still a useful reminder." Let me point out the suggested action may be in violation of the Illinois Rules of the Road driving manual, which states that, "Bright lights must be dimmed 500 feet before meeting an oncoming vehicle."

— J.T, Chicago

A: Blinking your lights as a reminder to others that theirs are not on probably won't get you into trouble. It is more of a courtesy than a felony. Doing the same to alert others to a speed trap, though, might. Some offenses are just not worth an officer's time to pursue. When is the last time you saw someone get a ticket for failing to make a complete stop at a stop sign? Cut through a gas station to avoid a red light? Drive with ear buds inserted?

Q: My wife's 2004 RAV-4 developed a slight hesitation with the first start of the day and has gotten worse. I have tried premium gas and a fuel system cleaner (Techron) to no avail. My mechanic suggested turning the ignition on and waiting 15-20 seconds, but that did not help much. Both Toyota and my mechanic agree that they cannot trace the problem until the engine light comes on. Any suggestions?

— J.F., Hatfield, Pa.

A: After more than a decade, there is probably a buildup of gunk inside the throttle body as well as the idle air control valve. We suggest getting the throttle body cleaned and, if it is particularly nasty, the IAC valve should be replaced.

Life & Style

'Veep' and 'The Handmaid's Tale' win top Emmy Award prizes

LOS ANGELES (AP)— The dystopian vision of "The Handmaid's Tale," the deeply cynical Washington comedy "Veep" and the ever-topical "Saturday Night Live" won top series honors Sunday in an Emmy Awards ceremony that took almost nonstop aim at President Donald Trump in awards and speeches.

"Go home, get to work, we have a lot of things to fight for," producer Bruce Miller said in accepting the best drama trophy for "A Handmaid's Tale," which also won best drama writing and directing awards and a best actress trophy for Elisabeth Moss. A beaming Margaret Atwood, the Canadian author whose 1985 novel is the show's source, was onstage.

Sterling K. Brown, whose role in "This Is Us" earned him the top drama series actor trophy, paid tribute to the last African-American man to win in the category, Andre Braugher in 1998 for his role as a police detective in "Homicide: Life on the Street."

"Nineteen years ago, Detective Frank Pemberton held this joint," Brown, hoisting his Emmy and calling it his "supreme honor" to follow Braugher. He was good-natured as the orchestra cut into his speech, but it seemed a glaring misstep on a night in which the TV academy reveled in signs of the industry's increasing diversity.

Earlier, Nicole Kidman spoke uninterrupted for 2 minutes and 45 seconds, while Brown got 1 minute, 58 seconds, before he was played off, a significant difference given the short time winners get to say their piece.

From left, Ann Dowd, winner of outstanding supporting actress in a drama series, Elisabeth Moss, winner of outstanding lead actress in a drama series, and Alexis Bledel, winner of outstanding guest actress in a drama for "The Handmaid's Tale" pose in the press room at the 69th Primetime Emmy Awards on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017, at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles. AP

Moss captured her first Emmy and thanked her mother in a speech that was peppered with expletives, while Ann Dowd won supporting actress honors for "A Handmaid's Tale."

Donald Glover won the best comedy actor for "Atlanta," which he created and which carries his distinctive voice, while Julia Louis-Dreyfus was honored for a sixth time for her role as a self-absorbed politician in "Veep," named best comedy for the third time.

"I want to thank Trump for making black people No. 1 on the most oppressed list. He's the reason I'm probably up here," Glover said, acknowledging the entertainment industry's and the Emmys' increased tilt toward the nonstop political under Trump. He also won a directing trophy for his FX Networks show.

Combined with Emmys that Louis-Dreyfus has won for "Seinfeld" and "New Adventures of Old Christine," her latest trophy tied her with Cloris Leachman as the most-winning Emmy performer ever.

Host Stephen Colbert's song-and-dance opening—with help from Chance the Rapper—included the song "Everything Is Better on TV," which, among other Trump digs, mentioned his alleged ties to Russia and included the lyric "even treason is better on TV."

The ceremony was also smartly free-wheeling under Colbert's direction, including a taped bit in which the nude comedian—carefully shown seated and from the back—was being "reprogrammed" by "Westworld" star and nominee Jeffrey Wright to correct a glitch in the host mechanism.

"Saturday Night Live" triumphed for a season of skewering Trump.

"I remember the first time we won this award," creator Lorne Michaels said in accepting the show's trophy for best variety sketch series. "It was after the first season in 1976. I remember thinking ... this was the high point," and there would never be "another season as crazy, as unpredictable, as frightening, as exhausting or as exhilarating. Turns out I

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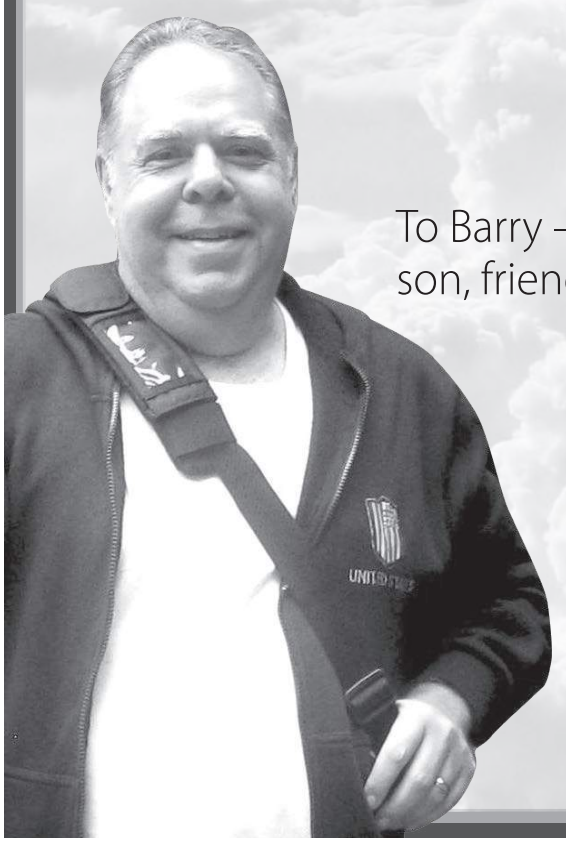

To Barry – husband, father, son, friend, soldier, colleague.

Barry – may you rest in eternal peace.

From your many **friends and family** who miss your smiling presence

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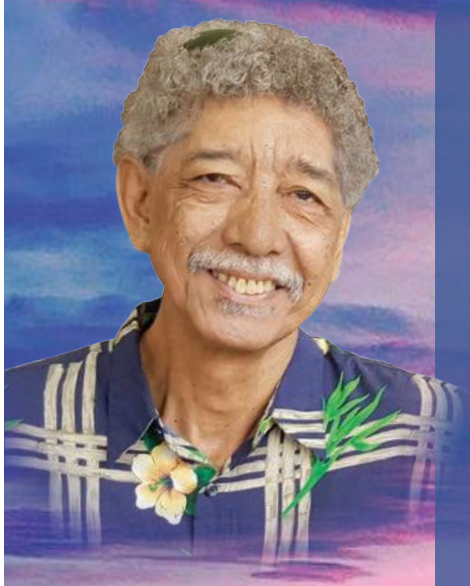

We, the family of the late †Juan Masga Deleon Guerrero would like to invite all our families, relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the First Year Death Anniversary of our beloved's passing into eternal life.

Holy Mass of Intention is being offered nightly at San Vicente Church at the Following Schedules:

Saturday, September 23, 2017 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, September 24, 2017— 5:30 pm
Monday, September 25, 2017— 6:00 pm
Tuesday, September 26, 2017 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, September 27, 2017 – 6:00 pm
(Mass at Holy Rosary Oratory, Dan Dan)
Thursday, September 28, 2017 – 6:00 pm
Friday, September 29, 2017 – 6:00 pm
Saturday, September 30, 2017 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, October 01, 2017 – 5:30 pm

Your prayers and presence are greatly appreciated.

Thank you & Si Yu'us Ma'ase
HIS WIFE, LUISA DELEON GUERRERO, CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

Jessica DLG./Rusty & Children
Jerry DLG./Kimberly & Children
Jennifer DLG. & Children
Lisa DLG./Nolan & Children
Jonisa Sanchez/Joaquin & Children

Stephen Colbert: A smooth Emmy host while roughing up Trump

NEW YORK (AP)—If President Donald Trump's ears have been burning thanks to late-night TV, especially "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert," they must have positively sizzled Sunday as Colbert hosted the Emmy Awards.

Colbert has boosted his own show's ratings in the Trump Era by keeping the president in his comic cross-hairs. The choice of Colbert to host this year's Emmycast instantly sparked speculation: How far would he lead this annual ceremony of accolades into Trump mockery?

The answer: Farther into politics than any Emmy show in memory. And appropriately far to reflect the unrest since last November's election. Where previous hosts have kept their monologues solidly in the realm of television, Colbert never strayed far from the political realm.

Colbert's opening song-and-dance number drew a sly contrast between the refuge available on TV (where "everything is better") and the world's current state, which "may be the worst we've ever seen," as Colbert sang.

Colbert

His musical number included many TV regulars, including Julia Louis-Dreyfus, who on her comedy "Veep" plays a bumbling, self-centered former president, yet, as she suggested, a leader with a few saving graces: "Imagine if your president was NOT beloved by Nazis," she trilled in her persona as Selina Meyer.

But this backhanded tribute to Trump was just a warmup for Colbert's sharp, spot-on monologue, a large portion of which was devoted to zinging the nation's chief executive.

This even included a surprise appearance by Trump's former White House press secretary Sean Spicer, who rolled in with his podium and, as if a comedy flashback of his real-life (and untrue) insistence that Trump's inaugural crowd was the biggest in history, assured Colbert, "This will be largest audience to witness an Emmys. Period. Both in person and around the world."

Hearing that, Colbert gave thanks for this boost to his fragile self-esteem.

Colbert went on to observe that "the biggest TV star of the last year is Donald Trump." He paused. "And Alec Baldwin, obviously."

Cut to Baldwin (who a bit later would land an Emmy for his unsparing Trump impersonation on "Saturday Night Live") seated in the audience.

"You guys are neck-and-neck," Colbert told him. "And Alec, you're up against a LOT of neck."

Then he went on to note that the Emmys have always meant a lot to Trump, who was twice nominated as a "Celebrity Apprentice" producer but never won.

Colbert played a clip from one of last year's presidential debates when Trump's opponent Hillary Clinton pointed this out and recalled that Trump tweeted that the Emmys were rigged, to which Trump cut in with, "Should've gotten it."

"Why didn't you give him an Emmy?" Colbert upbraided Emmy voters in the hall. "If he had won an Emmy, I bet he wouldn't have run for president. So, in a way, this is all YOUR fault!"

Then he ignited one of the night's biggest cheers by declaring, "Unlike the presidency, Emmys go to the winner of the popular vote."

If Colbert was pointed in his wisecracks at the president, he wasn't alone.

Baldwin got a dig in, too. Accepting his trophy, he held it aloft and remarked, "I suppose I should say: 'At long last, Mr. President, here is your Emmy.'"

And picking up her umpteenth Emmy for comedy actress, "Veep" star Louis-Dreyfus teased its upcoming final season while confiding with a grin, "We did a whole storyline about an impeachment, but we abandoned that because we were worried that someone else might get to it first."

But overall the Emmycast, once it moved past the opening Trump slamfest, stuck to its primary business: handing out awards while keeping viewers entertained.

Under Colbert's domain, it succeeded in both respects. After a decade hosting "The Colbert Report" and two years on "The Late Show," he knows how to call out life's absurdities without getting acerbic. He knows how to be silly and still stay smart.

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was wrong."

The trophies for best supporting comedy acting went to Kate McKinnon, who played Hillary Clinton on "SNL," and Alec Baldwin for his Trump portrayal on the NBC show.

McKinnon thanked Clinton for her "grace and grit." Baldwin spoke directly to Trump, who has complained in the past that he was cheated out of a trophy for hosting "Celebrity Apprentice": "I suppose I should say, 'At long last, Mr. President, here is your Emmy.'"

Melissa McCarthy was honored at last weekend's creative arts Emmys as best guest actress for her "SNL" work, including portraying Sean Spicer. The former White House press secretary made a surprise Emmys appearance, wheeling in his own podium.

"This will be the largest audience to witness an Emmys, period. Both in person and around the world," Spicer shouted with authority, echoing his claim that Trump's inauguration crowd was the biggest ever and evoking McCarthy's manic portrayal of him.

John Lithgow, who received the best supporting drama actor for his role as British leader Winston Churchill in "The Crown," took a more diplomatic approach to political commentary.

"Most of all I have to thank Winston Churchill. In these crazy times, his life, even as an old man, reminds us what courage and leadership in government really looks like," Lithgow said.

Alec Baldwin accepts the award for outstanding supporting actor in a comedy series for "Saturday Night Live" at the 69th Primetime Emmy Awards on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017, at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles AP

Many celebrities wore blue ribbons to support the American Civil Liberties Union, which is seeking to shed light on the plight of young immigrants facing the potential of being deported.

In a sign of the dramatically changed TV landscape, premium cable was joined by streaming services to dominate traditional broadcast networks with winners including Hulu's "Handmaid's Tale," Netflix's TV movie "Black Mirror: San Junipero" and HBO's "Big Little Lies."

HBO claimed a leading 29 awards based on the combined totals from Sunday and last week's creative arts awards, followed by Netflix with 20, NBC with 15, Hulu with 10, ABC with seven and FX Networks with six.

NBC's uplifting family drama "This Is Us" missed its shot at being the first network drama to win since Fox's "24" in 2006, but the network's "SNL" won a leading nine awards among programs.

"Big Little Lies" won the limited series award, with Kidman taking the lead actress award and supporting honors going to her castmates Alexander Skarsgard and Laura Dern.

"More great roles for women, please," said Kidman as she and her fellow executive producer and co-star Reese Witherspoon accepted the miniseries' award.

Riz Ahmed was honored as best limited series actor for "The Night Of."

Lena Waithe became the first African-American woman to win an Emmy for comedy series writing, for "Master of None," sharing the award with series co-creator Aziz Ansari, who is of Indian heritage.

"The things that make us different, those are superpowers," Waithe said. "Thank you for embracing a little Indian boy from South Carolina and a little queer black girl from the south side of Chicago," she said, basking in a standing ovation from the theater audience.

TV academy President and CEO Hayma Washington paid tribute to TV's increasing diversity. That was reflected in the record number of African-American continuing series acting nominees, but Latinos were overlooked and Ansari was the only Asian-American contender.

"The Voice" won the reality competition category. "Last Week Tonight with John Oliver" won the award for best variety talk series writing and then the variety show prize itself, prompting also-rans Colbert and Jimmy Kimmel to jokingly raise a glass to each other and speculate whether the wrong name was announced.

The "In Memorian" segment had several notable exclusions, including Dick Gregory and Harry Dean Stanton.

'It' stomps 'Mother' with $60M in its second week

NEW YORK (AP)—The Stephen King adaption "It" continues to scare up record ticket sales, taking in an estimated $60 million in its second week and leaving a paltry $7.5 million for Darren Aronofsky's audacious genre-bending psychological thriller "mother!"

New Line and Warner Bros.' "It" remained easily the top draw in North American theaters, according to studio estimates Sunday. It slid 51 percent from last week's unexpectedly sensational opening of $123 million, the first September release to debut north of $100 million. Most had expected "It" to open to about half that.

With $218.7 million to date, "It" is now the highest grossing September release ever, and a much-needed hit to follow a summer box office that slumped to a historically bad August. "It," starring Bill Skarsgard as the evil clown Pennywise, also added $60.3 million internationally.

Paramount Pictures' "mother!" has horror elements, too, so it was risky to schedule it right behind "It." But Aronofsky's film is a more art-house proposition, made for about $30 million. For star Jennifer Lawrence, it's the worst wide-release opening of her career.

Reviews were generally good (68 percent "fresh" on Rotten Tomatoes) for "mother!," which premiered last week at the Venice Film Festival. But the film—an intense, allegorical tale about a woman (Lawrence) whose rural Victorian house is overrun by unwanted house guests—is an undeniably atypical, auteur-driven studio release. Audiences didn't care for it, giving it a seldom-seen F CinemaScore.

"Admittedly, there are audiences who aren't responding as favorably, but I think it's one of those movies that's so different and so audacious," said Kyle Davies, president of domestic distribution for Paramount. "Darren's one of the most dynamic filmmakers out there today. So the movie is really getting a strong reaction and I think it takes people a while to process the movie."

Aronofsky, the filmmaker of "Black Swan" and "The Wrestler," previously helmed the Paramount 2014 release "Noah." The Bible epic sailed through controversy to make $362.6 million worldwide.

More than most of its rivals, Paramount has backed a number of daring films from acclaimed filmmakers, including Martin Scorsese's little-seen "Silence" and upcoming films from Alexander Payne ("Downsizing") and George Clooney ("Suburbicon")—both of which also debuted in Venice.

Rolling Stone magazine to be sold

NEW YORK (AP) — Rolling Stone founder Jann Wenner plans to sell his company's controlling stake in the legendary magazine that chronicled the music and politics of the counterculture movement and changed music journalism forever.

The New York Times reported Sunday that Wenner and his 27-year-old son, Gus, the president and chief operating officer of Wenner Media, hope to stay on at the magazine, but it's a decision for the buyer.

Gus Wenner said in an interview last week that "publishing is a completely different industry than what it was."

No potential buyers have been named. The company's other magazines, Us Weekly and Men's Journal, were sold recently to American Media Inc., helmed by publisher David J. Pecker.

The elder Wenner says he hopes to find a buyer that understands Rolling Stone's mission.

Emmy audience adores Parton, Fonda and Tomlin Emmy reunion

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The first standing ovation of the 69th annual Emmy Awards went not to a winner but to a trio of presenters—Dolly Parton, Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin. The audience erupted in sustained cheers of adulation as the three actresses strolled on stage Sunday to the theme music of their 1980 hit movie "9 to 5."

The cheers continued when Fonda declared that in 1980 the women refused "to be controlled by a racist, egotistical bigot." Tomlin quickly added, "In 2017 we still refuse to be controlled by a sexist, egotistical, lying hypocritical bigot." Parton, in the middle of the trio, was silent during that exchange, but raised her eyebrows.

AP

From left, Lily Tomlin, Dolly Parton and Jane Fonda present the award for outstanding supporting actor in a limited series or a movie at the 69th Primetime Emmy Awards on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017, at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

But Parton had the last laugh when she said she was hoping to get a "Grace & Frankie" vibrator in her swag bag. After their appearance, the official Twitter account for "Grace & Frankie" tweeted a picture of a vibrator at Parton, saying "We got you."

"That was pretty cool," said Alexander Skarsgard as he accepted the Emmy for supporting actor in a limited series, from the trio.

After their appearance, Twitter lit up with GIFs of the three actresses. Even the official Netflix account got in the act, tweeting "Dolly. Parton. #GOAT #Goodvibrations #Retflix"

McDonaugh's 'Three Billboards' wins TIFF audience award

NEW YORK (AP) — Martin McDonaugh's "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" took the Toronto International Film Festival's People's Choice Award on Sunday, an early bell-weather for Hollywood's coming awards season.

Piers Handling, chief executive and director of the festival, announced the awards for the 42nd annual Toronto festival.

The People's Choice Award, voted on by festival audiences, went to the British playwright's third feature film, which stars Frances McDormand as a mother who goes to war with police in her town after her daughter's murder.

"As much as we had a lovely time in Canada, and as much it seemed like the audiences had a good time, too, you never really know if a story that's as heartfelt but also as outrageous and funny and unusual as ours has really connected to, you know, real people," said McDonaugh ("In Bruges," ''Seven Psychopaths"), said in a statement. "So it's brilliant to hear that it has."

Not since 2007's "Eastern Promises" has a Toronto People's Choice winner failed to score an Academy Awards best-picture nomination. Many People's Choice winners have also gone on to win the Academy Awards' top honor, including "12 Years a Slave," ''The King's Speech" and "Slumdog Millionaire."

"La La Land" last year took Toronto's big prize but Damien Chazelle's musical ultimately lost to "Moonlight" for best picture.

Fox Searchlight will release "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" on Nov. 10.

This year's runner up went to Craig Gillespie's Tonya Harding tale "I, Tonya," starring Margot Robbie as the former Olympic ice skater. In one of the festival's biggest sales, "I, Tonya" was acquired by Neon and 30West for $5 million.

Kevin Hart apologizes to wife, kids for 'mistakes'

NEW YORK (AP) — Kevin Hart has publicly apologized to his pregnant wife and his kids for what he described as a "bad error in judgment."

The comedian and box office star, looking morose, posted a video to Instagram on Saturday in which he said he wasn't perfect and recently made poor decisions.

He said there was "no excuses" but added that someone was trying to seek financial gain over his mistakes, and he'd rather confess than let that happen.

Hart married wife Eniko last year. She is expecting their first child soon. He has two children from a previous marriage.

Earlier this summer, a video emerged of Hart looking cozy with a brunette in the back of a car, but he laughed off any suggestions of infidelity in an Instagram post.

Real-life road trip helped 2 'Brad's Status' actors bond

TORONTO (AP)—Ben Stiller thought the best way to prepare for his role as a dad taking his son on a college tour in the film "Brad's Status" was to take the actor playing his son on an actual road trip.

So Stiller and Austin Abrams got in a car and took a drive from Montreal to New York, making stops along the way. "I feel like it really it helped because we're supposed to be like father and son," Abrams said.

The bittersweet comedy has Stiller's character, Brad, driving his son around the Northeast looking at schools, but all he can think about are his own failures in life. Along the way, he starts to question if he has really failed.

Stiller saw the subject matter as relatable, along with having a chance to work with Mike White, who wrote and directed the film, which hits theaters on Friday.

"I just thought it was a well-written script. I think Mike's an amazing, creative force, and he was trying to tell this very personal and emotion story, without trying to make it in any way forced—or sappy or anything," Stiller said.

The road trip not only helped the two actors' relationship on screen. Stiller said they also had a great time doing it. On the way, Stiller stopped at a historical attraction and dressed up in a Revolutionary War outfit, much to embarrassment of Abrams.

That moment made it feel real. "I was like hey, we're father and son. This is happening," Stiller said.

Trump demands that ESPN apologize for anchor's tweets

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump is calling on ESPN to apologize days after one of the sports network's anchors called him a "white supremacist" and "bigot."

ESPN said Thursday it had accepted the apology of its "SportsCenter" host Jemele Hill for her tweets about Trump Monday. Hill said Thursday she was sorry for causing her employer trouble.

ESPN has repeatedly said Hill's comments don't reflect the view of the network. But that apparently hasn't satisfied Trump. He demanded on Twitter early Friday that ESPN "Apologize for untruth!"

The president also took a shot at falling ESPN subscriber numbers, writing: "ESPN is paying a really big price for its politics (and bad programming). People are dumping it in RECORD numbers."

The network didn't immediately issue a response to the president's comments Friday.

Daughter of self-centered mom craves a role model

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

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DEAR ABBY: My mother is extremely self-centered. Ever since I can remember, everything has always been about her. That's probably why she and Dad split. You can't have a conversation with her without her turning it around and making it about her.

I'm 25. I just want to have a regular conversation with my mom without her somehow bringing the mood down by saying she has demons to deal with on her own and she can't be positive or happy for others.

Abby, there's nothing wrong with her! She's healthy, fit, has a wonderful job she claims to love, and friends she goes out with often and seems to have fun with. She's out literally every weekend. I just don't get why she never makes time for me or any of my siblings.

I'm afraid I'll never have that mother/daughter relationship. Maybe I wouldn't care so much if I had another role model to confide in, but unfortunately, I have neither a mother nor a father figure in my life. My siblings and I have been cheated in the parent department -- a father who left us and a mother who thinks only of herself. Advice?

LOST SOUL IN OHIO

DEAR LOST SOUL: This may be of small comfort to you, but other readers over the years have described situations like your own. I'll share with you what I have advised them.

Because your mother apparently feels her parenting job is finished, it's time to build a "family" of your own. Because you crave the wisdom an older woman can provide, consider doing some volunteer work for seniors, perhaps at a senior citizen center. Your efforts will be valued, and in a short time you may begin building relationships with more than one person who can assuage your emptiness while you fill a need in their lives, too.

DEAR ABBY: My sister asked if I would attend a women's conference with her. I hastily agreed, and we kind of dropped it until recently. The conference is eight months away and I just found out the location and who will be the speakers. After reviewing the information, I realize I'm not all that interested in attending.

When I told my sister, she became furious! I apologized for letting her down, but I don't want to spend hundreds of dollars to attend a conference I'm not that jazzed about. She's still mad at me, and I don't want to dismiss her feelings, but I feel that canceling eight months in advance is OK. We hadn't purchased tickets or made hotel reservations yet. Can you give me some advice?

DON'T WANT TO GO

DEAR DON'T WANT TO: Your sister may have had more in mind than just the conference when she invited you to go with her. She may have wanted a bonding experience as well, which may be why she has reacted so strongly.

I agree that eight months in advance is sufficient notice that you want to cancel. It may smooth her ruffled feathers if you call your sister and suggest there might be something else you can do together that would be of greater interest to both of you.

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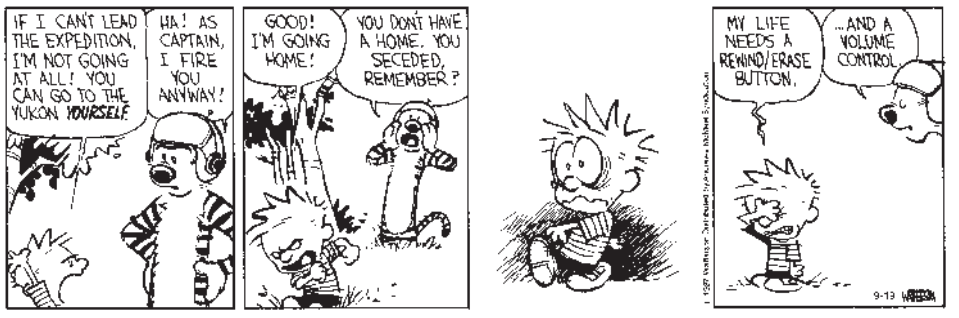
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


IF I CAN'T LEAD THE EXPEDITION, I'M NOT GOING AT ALL! YOU CAN GO TO THE YUKON YOURSELF.
HA! AS CAPTAIN, I FIRE YOU ANYWAY!
GOOD! I'M GOING HOME!
YOU DON'T HAVE A HOME. YOU SECEDED, REMEMBER?
MY LIFE NEEDS A REWIND/ERASE BUTTON.
...AND A VOLUME CONTROL.
9-19

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

DAD'S PLANNING A DATE NIGHT FOR MOM.
YEAH?
YEAH. SO WE NEED TO BEGIN LOBBYING FOR A GOOD SITTER.
LITERALLY ANYONE BUT "MEAN AMY" IS OKAY WITH ME.
YEAH... MEAN AMY IS THE WORST.
ALTHOUGH "STINKY JILL" IS NO PICNIC EITHER.
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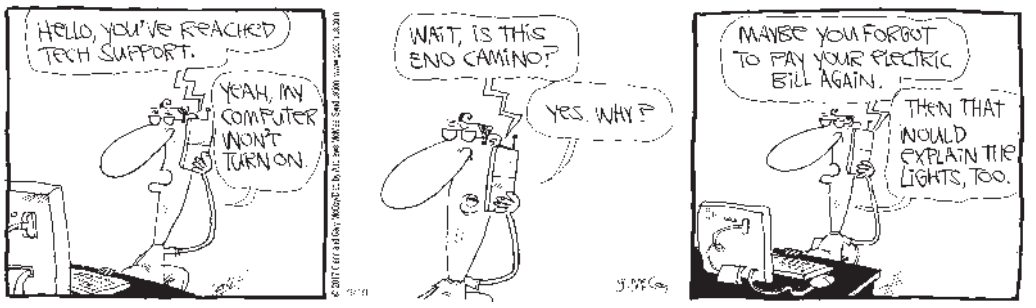
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy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YEAH, MY COMPUTER WON'T TURN ON.
WAIT, IS THIS END CAMINO?
YES. WHY?
MAYBE YOU FORGOT TO PAY YOUR ELECTRIC BILL AGAIN.
THEN THAT WOULD EXPLAIN THE LIGHTS, TOO.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Gym pads
5 Street
9 Egos' counterparts
12 Perched on
13 "Dedicated to the — Love"
14 Cattle call?
15 "Can't really say"
17 Tool set
18 Beams
19 Minnesota team
21 Justice Samuel —
24 Poet of yore
25 — Martin (cognac)
26 Usual
30 Hardly any
31 God
32 Fury
33 Slalom accessories
35 Writer Quindlen
36 Male turkeys
37 Rage
38 Maestro Zubin —
40 Pace
42 Wall climber
43 "Tell me more!"
48 Prefix with natal
49 Cleopatra's river
50 "Once — a time ..."
51 Bearded beast
52 Back talk
53 Rind

DOWN

1 — tai (cocktail)
2 $ dispenser
3 Heavy weight
4 Stylish
5 Optimistic
6 Burden
7 — Lingus
8 Relating to food intake
9 "Gotcha!"
10 Slay
11 Lushes
16 Eastern "way"
20 Sardonic
21 Barks
22 Onion relative
23 "Agreed!"
24 Wagers
26 Morays
27 Compete
28 "Rule, Britannia!" composer
29 Calendar span
31 Realms
34 Cauldron
35 Pay to play
37 Be sick
38 Chinese dynasty
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Solution time: 22 mins.

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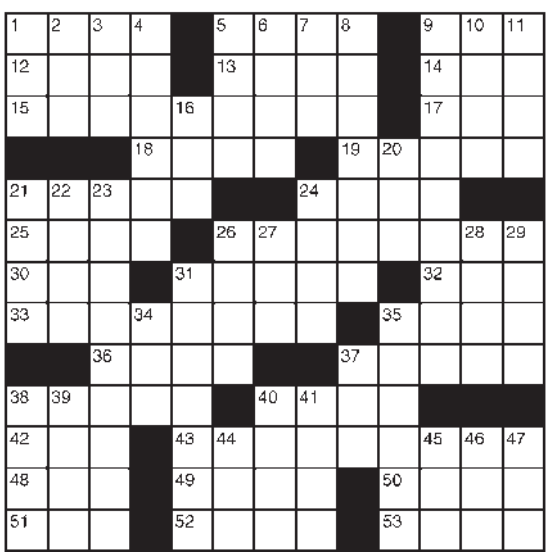
Yesterday's answer 9-19



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Happy Birthday: Look for new possibilities. Expand your awareness and find out how far you can push your skills, attributes and the gifts you were born with. Showing discipline and understanding your depth and potential will help you surpass your expectations. Let your dreams and imagination fuel your success. Walk away from the past and into the future with hope. Your numbers are 8, 19, 22, 24, 30, 39, 43.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Your goal should be finishing what you start. Maintaining a low-key persona will allow you to get more done with less interference. Don't feel like you have to go for sensationalism to be noticed. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Take part in the events going on in your community or through your place of employment. Networking and gatherings geared toward making life better for the average person will lead to new friendships and a better standard of living. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Your actions will express how you feel and what you have to offer. Being truthful and open about what you want in return will not please everyone, but is the best route to take. Don't waste energy on anger. ✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Now is the time to bring about positive changes at home. Whether it's moving furniture around, getting rid of things you no longer use or changing your routine or eating habits, the end result will improve your life. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Consider whether you are being offered a good opportunity or not. You may be getting in over your head if you aren't careful about how you handle your money. Live within your means and don't buy into something risky. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Consider your choices and what makes the most sense. Your aim should be to get ahead, not to waste your time on something that isn't changeable. Be optimistic and take pride in the accomplishments you know you can achieve. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Listen to reason. Impulsive actions will not bring the results you are hoping for. Don't believe everything you hear. Someone will set you up for a fall if you are too gullible. Trust in what you know and see. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Take a different route. Whether your journey is physical or emotional, trying something new will spark your imagination and help you find answers that will encourage personal growth and development. Explore and experience whatever comes your way. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Think before you say something that may offend or hurt someone. Being a joker is fine, but not at the expense of someone innocent and shy. The outcome will affect your reputation. Pay it forward and aim to help, not hinder, others. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Open up about your concerns. You don't have to offer personal information, but you can cite consequences as a result of not taking care of pending issues on time. Listen closely and counter any response that sounds iffy. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Check in with people you have worked with in the past and you'll find out about an opportunity that interests you. Spending quality time with someone you love will be rejuvenating. Express your feelings and your intentions. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Look for alternative ways to deal with partnership problems. Keeping the peace and offering fair solutions will help offset an unnecessary argument. Work in conjunction with people and you'll get things done. Help those less fortunate than you. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are forceful, accommodating and tenacious. You are imaginative and practical.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★ 9/19

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

BUYING A NEW BARBECUE GRILL. **Solution: 7 letters**

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In the Matter of the Adoption of: Norman John Lisua Minor child) FCD-AD-CIVIL ACTION NO. 17-0437
By: Anicia Louise Kisa Lisua Petitioner)

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on October 23, 2017, at 1:30 PM in Courtroom 217A, before Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2017.

/s/
Patrick V. Diaz,
Deputy Clerk of Court

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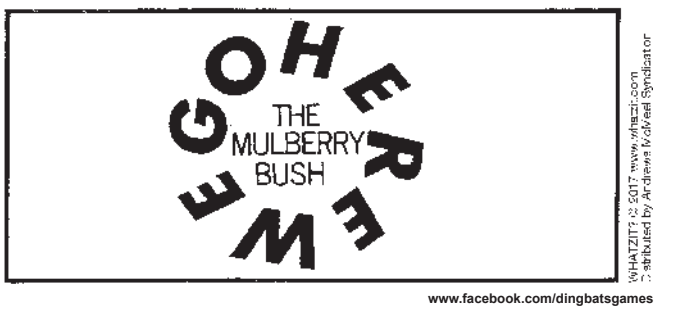

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Astros top AL West with win over Mariners

HOUSTON (AP)—When the Houston Astros traded for Justin Verlander less than three weeks ago, they envisioned days like this.

Verlander struck out 10 over seven innings in his first home start for Houston, Derek Fisher and Marwin Gonzalez homered in a big fifth inning and the Astros clinched the American League West with a 7-1 win over the Seattle Mariners on Sunday.

"The story is almost too good to be true," manager A.J. Hinch said. "We trade for him for this exact reason to come up in big moments. He was locked in from the very beginning. Nobody better to have on the mound and nobody better to celebrate with."

The Astros acquired the ace from Detroit on Aug. 31, just minutes before the deadline for players to be eligible for postseason play. He had made two starts on the road before his Minute Maid Park debut.

"I don't think you could ask for a better introduction for me to the city of Houston than this," Verlander said. "First home start would have been great. First home start and a win would have been great. First home start and to win in a division-clinching game—you can't make that up. And I'm looking forward to hopefully many more wins."

George Springer and Carlos Correa also homered for the Astros, who won their first division title since 2001 and seventh overall. The Astros become the first team in major league history to win titles in three divisions after previously winning the NL West and NL Central.

AP

Houston Astros' Justin Verlander celebrates with fans after the team's win over the Seattle Mariners and the clinching of the AL West crown in a baseball game, Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017, in Houston.

Tigers 12, White Sox 0

In Detroit, Matthew Boyd's no-hit bid ended when Tim Anderson doubled with two outs in the ninth inning, and the Detroit left-hander closed out a one-hitter for the first shutout of his professional career.

Boyd (6-10) allowed only two runners -- a walk to Rob Brantly in the third and Anderson's double to the gap in right-center field with two outs in the ninth. He struck out five and threw 121 pitches -- his big league high.

Dylan Covey (0-6) allowed five runs, seven hits and four walks in 3 2/3 innings.

Nick Castellanos, Mikie Mahtook and Jeimer Candelario homered.

Nationals 7, Dodgers 1

In Washington, Stephen Strasburg ended his club-record scoreless streak at 35 innings, but two home runs from Ryan Zimmerman helped the All-Star win his fourth consecutive start as Washington beat Los Angeles.

Strasburg (14-4) allowed a run in the second inning on Logan Forsythe's double, the first against the right-hander since Aug. 19. He struck out eight and combined with three relievers to toss a five-hitter.

The Nationals avoided a three-game sweep against the NL frontrunners. Washington's slumbering offense came alive on Zimmerman's three-run shot in the sixth off reliever Ross Stripling (3-5). Zimmerman and pinch-hitter Adam Lind homered in the eighth.

Los Angeles lost 11 in a row and 16 of 17 before ripping off four consecutive wins, including the first two games this series. The Dodgers magic number to clinch the NL West dropped to four when second-place Arizona lost at San Francisco.

Rays 3, Red Sox 2

In St. Petersburg, David Price pitched two hitless innings in his first big league game since July 22 after being sidelined by left elbow inflammation. The 2012 AL Cy Young Award winner made his first relief appearance since 2010.

Jake Odorizzi (9-8) gave up one hit in six innings, a Jackie Bradley Jr. home run. Jesus Sucre hit a tiebreaking solo home run off Eduardo Rodriguez (5-6) in the sixth. Alex Colome pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 45th save. Tampa Bay remained 5+ games behind the Twins.

Padres 4, Rockies 3

In Denver, Rockies closer Greg Holland dropped the ball trying to tag Matt Szczur at home on Austin Hedge's squeeze bunt in the ninth inning, allowing San Diego to finish its rally and beat Colorado.

Hedges bunted back to Holland (3-6) with runners at the corners and one out, but after making a nice play to scoop up the ball, Holland lost control trying to tag a sliding Szczur.

Colorado's bullpen blew its first save in three weeks and let the Rockies' lead for the second NL wild card shrink to 2 1/2 games over Milwaukee. The Brewers beat Miami on Sunday, and St. Louis, which lost to the Chicago Cubs, stayed 4 1/2 back.

Kirby Yates (4-5) pitched the eighth, and Brad Hand got the last three outs for his 18th save.

Orioles 6, Yankees 4

In New York, Ubaldo Jimenez (6-1) struck out 10 in just five innings, and Tim Beckham hit a three-run homer off Sonny Gray (9-11), who allowed five runs in four innings during his shortest start this season.

Didi Gregorius homered for the third straight day as New York's four-game winning streak ended. The Yankees remained three games behind AL East-leading Boston and four games ahead of Minnesota for the top AL wild card. Baltimore, which had lost nine of 10, is 5+ games behind the Twins.

With two outs and a runner on third in the ninth, Zach Britton intentionally walked Aaron Judge, then struck out Gary Sanchez for his 15th save.

Twins 13, Blue Jays 7

In Minneapolis, Eddie Rosario homered twice, Joe Mauer hit his first grand slam at home and Minnesota overcame a 5-0 deficit with seven runs in the second inning and six in the fifth.

Minnesota reopened a two-game lead over the Los Angeles Angels for the second AL wild card.

Kyle Gibson (11-10) allowed five runs, three hits and five walks in six innings. Joe Biagini (3-11) gave up six runs—four earned—and five hits in 1 1/3 innings.

Josh Donaldson homered twice in the first two innings.

Rangers 4, Angels 2

In Anaheim, Joey Gallo hit a home run off Garrett Richards (0-2) that landed near the top of the grass hill in center field in the second inning, a drive that would have traveled 490 feet unimpeded, according to MLB Statcast.

Adrian Beltre ht a two-run double to center field in the first.

Miguel Gonzalez (8-11) allowed one run and two hits in five innings, and Jake Diekman got five outs for his first save this season.

Indians 3, Royals 2

In Cleveland, a day after Cleveland clinched the AL Central, Corey Kluber (17-4) allowed three singles in seven innings. He has not given up a run in 22 innings and has lost once since July 4.

Edwin Encarnacion hit a two-run homer in the fourth off Danny Duffy (8-9) as the Indians improved to 33-5 since Aug. 11 despite getting only three hits. Cody Allen worked out of a two-on jam in the ninth for his 28th save. Kansas City dropped five games behind the Twins.

Cubs 4, Cardinals 3

In Chicago, Jason Heyward hit a tiebreaking RBI single off Matt Bowman with two outs in the seventh as Chicago overcame a 3-0 deficit to win its sixth straight game. The Cubs remained four games ahead of second-place Milwaukee as Ben Zobrist drove in two runs and Kyle Schwarber hit his 27th homer.

Pedro Strop (5-4) worked a rocky seventh for the win and Wade Davis got three outs for his 31st save, retiring Dexter Fowler on a game-ending fly-out to the warning track with a runner on first. Tyler Lyons (4-1) was the loser.

Brewers 10, Marlins 3

In Milwaukee, Travis Shaw, Jesus Aguilar and Manny Pina each had two hits in an eight-run fourth inning. The Brewers won two of three in a series moved from Florida following Hurricane Irma.

Brandon Woodruff (2-2) allowed three runs and eight hits in seven innings. Dillon Peters (0-2) yielded eight runs, nine hits and three walks in 3 2/3 innings.

Reds 5, Pirates 2

In Cincinnati, Eugenio Suarez and Scooter Gennett hit two-run homers in the sixth off Gerrit Cole (11-11) as Cincinnati completed its second three-game sweep of Pittsburgh this season.

Robert Stephenson (5-5) allowed one hit in six scoreless innings, and Michael Lorenzen pitched a perfect ninth for his second save.

Athletics 6, Phillies 3

In Philadelphia, Joey Wendle hit a go-ahead grand slam off Edubray Ramos after the first two batters in the sixth reached off Henderson Alvarez (0-1), who made his first start since May 22, 2015, with Miami.

Sean Manaea (11-10) gave up three runs in five innings, and five relievers combined for four hitless innings. Blake Treinen got three outs for his 11th save.

Mets 5, Braves 1

In Atlanta, Robert Gsellman (7-7) allowed an unearned run and three hits in seven innings, pinch-hitter Asdrubal Cabrera had a two-run, pinch-hit homer.

Atlanta (67-81) was eliminated from postseason contention and must win its remaining 14 games to avoid a losing record in four straight seasons for the first time since seven in a row from 1984-90. Julio Teheran (11-12) gave up two runs, three hits and four walks in six innings.

Giants 7, Diamondbacks 2

In San Francisco, Pablo Sandoval homered and drove in three runs, rookie Chris Stratton (3-3) allowed two runs and five hits in six innings. Arizona had won 20 of 25 games and nine straight on the road.

Taijuan Walker (9-8) Walker gave up four runs and seven hits in five innings.

Britain and Ireland beats US, wins PGA Cup

OTTERSHAW, England (AP)—Robert Coles scored his fourth point of the week with a singles victory Sunday to help Britain and Ireland beat the United States 10-6 in the PGA Cup on Fox Hills' Longcross Course.

The Englishmen beat Josh Speight of Locust Hill, Virginia, 2 and 1 and Britain and Ireland took 7 1/2 of the 10 singles points to successfully defend the Llandudno International Trophy for the first time since 1984.

Coles finished the week 4-1, leading Britain and Ireland to its highest points total in the event that began in 1973. Scotland's Christopher Currie was 3-1-1. He halved his match with Rod Perry of Port Orange, Florida.

Rich Berberian Jr. of Hooksett, New Hampshire, was the lone U.S. player to earn a full point Sunday, beating England's Chris McDonnell 4 and 3. The United States leads the series 17-7-4.

The United States is 17-6-4 overall since the PGA Cup began in 1973. It is 6-5-1 on the road, and last won outright overseas in 2009 in Loch Lomond, Scotland. The U.S. forged a 13-13 draw in 2013 in Hexham, England, at Slaley Hall, and surrendered the Cup for the first time on U.S. soil, 13 ½ to 12 ½, as GB&I triumphed at CordeValle in San Martin, California.

Falcons with repeat performance versus Packers

ATLANTA (AP) — Matt Ryan and the Atlanta Falcons picked up where they left off against the Green Bay Packers, building a big halftime on the way to a dominating victory Sunday night.

The rematch of last season's NFC championship game was essentially a repeat: Ryan threw for 252 yards and a touchdown, Devonta Freeman had a couple of scoring runs, and Desmond Trufant raced to the end zone off an attempted pass by Aaron Rodgers that was ruled a fumble, leading the Falcons to a 34-23 victory over the Packers that wasn't really that close.

Last season, Atlanta earned a trip to the Super Bowl by racing to a 24-0 halftime lead and a 31-0 edge early in the third quarter on the way to a 44-31 blowout of the Packers.

In the first regular-season NFL game at $1.5 billion Mercedes-Benz Stadium, and the first sporting event with in which the facility's camera lens-like roof was open, the Falcons put on a show to mark the occasion. They were ahead 24-7 at halftime and 31-7 less than a minute into the third period.

Unlike the Super Bowl, Atlanta (2-0) made sure this lead stood up.

After struggling a bit offensively in a season-opening victory at Chicago that was preserved with a goal-line stand in the closing season, the Falcons dominated right from the start in an early showdown for conference supremacy. The Packers (1-1) finally showed a bit of life with a couple of fourth-quarter touchdowns, including Rodgers' 300th scoring pass.

Dolphins 19, Chargers 17

In Carson, Cody Parkey hit his fourth field goal from 54 yards with 1:05 to play, and the Miami Dolphins rallied in the fourth quarter to spoil Los Angeles' home opener.

Younghoe Koo missed a 44-yard field goal attempt with 5 seconds left after Philip Rivers maneuvered the Chargers (0-2) into scoring range in the final minute before a crowd of 25,381 in their first home game since relocating to the Los Angeles area after 56 seasons in San Diego.

Jay Cutler passed for 230 yards and Jay Ajayi rushed for 122 in the delayed season opener for the Dolphins, who spent the past nine days in California after leaving South Florida early to avoid Hurricane Irma.

Patriots 36, Saints 20

In New Orleans, bouncing back with a vengeance from a season-opening loss, Tom Brady threw three touchdown passes in the first quarter for the first time in his career and eclipsed 300 yards passing in the first half for only the second time.

Brady's maiden Super Bowl triumph in the Superdome back in February 2002 is bound to be one of his fondest memories. But the 18-year veteran looked like a superior QB in his latest visit. He finished 30 of 39 for 447 yards without an interception—at least not one that counted. Saints defenders caught Brady's passes twice, but both plays were wiped out by New Orleans penalties.

Broncos 42, Cowboys 17

In Denver, Trevor Siemian tied a career high with four touchdown passes and Denver held Ezekiel Elliott to the worst game of his career—8 yards on nine carries—in a game that included an hour-long lightning delay.

Aqib Talib's 103-yard interception return for a touchdown with 53 seconds left was the final indignity for the Cowboys (1-1), who watched Von Miller end a career-long five-game sackless streak by dumping Dak Prescott twice.

Seahawks 12, 49ers 9

In Seattle, Russell Wilson avoided two potential sacks and found Paul Richardson in the front corner of the end zone for a 9-yard touchdown with 7:06 left.

It was an offensive nightmare as both teams had combined for 14 total quarters without a touchdown this season before the Seahawks finally broke the seal on the goal line. Wilson avoided Arik Armstead in the pocket and got his pass away before DeForest Buckner could pull him down. Seattle (1-1) snapped a streak of more than 112 minutes without a touchdown, despite missing on opportunities twice inside the 49ers' 10-yard line earlier in the game.

Wilson was erratic at times and magical at the end. He was 23 of 39 passing for 198 yards.

Raiders 45, Jets 20

In Oakland, Marshawn Lynch ran for a touchdown in his first home game with Oakland and Derek Carr threw three TD passes to Michael Crabtree.

Cordarrelle Patterson and Jalen Richard added long touchdown runs to help put the game away and give the Raiders (2-0) wins in the opening two games of the season for the first time since their AFC championship season in 2002.

AP

Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Mohamed Sanu (12) runs by Green Bay Packers defensive back Kentrell Brice (29) during the first of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017, in Atlanta.

Josh McCown threw a pair of TD passes to Jermaine Kearse, but the Jets (0-2) proved to be no match for the more powerful and talented Raiders.

Redskins 27, Rams 20

In Los Angeles, Kirk Cousins threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Grant with 1:49 to play to give the Redskins the victory against their former assistant coach, Rams and rookie head coach Sean McVay.

Cousins capped the winning 70-yard drive by finding Grant in the front left corner of the end zone.

The Rams (1-1) had tied the game at 20 on Greg Zuerlein's 40-yard field goal with 7:16 to play. It was set up on a trick play, when punter Johnny Hekker completed a 28-yard pass to Josh Reynolds to the Washington 17. But two penalties stalled the drive and the Rams had to settle for the field goal.

Chiefs 27, Eagles 20

In Kansas City, Chiefs rookie Kareem Hunt reached the end zone twice, Travis Kelce took a shovel pass 15 yards for the go-ahead touchdown and Kansas City held on.

Kelce's touchdown catch with 6:25 left and Hunt's second TD scamper appeared to have put the game away.

But Carson Wentz hit Nelson Agholor for an answering score with 14 seconds left, and Trey Burton jumped on the onside kick a few seconds later to give the Eagles one last throw to the end zone.

Wentz unloaded from just inside the 50-yard line, but his pass fell incomplete as time expired.

Cardinals 16, Colts13, OT

In Indianapolis, Carson Palmer's late rally got the Cardinals into overtime and Tyrann Mathieu's interception set up Phil Dawson for a 30-yard field goal to win it.

Dawson made the most of his second chance after pushing a 42-yarder wide right as regulation time expired.

Arizona (1-1) never led until the final play. It hasn't started 0-2 since 2005.

Coach Bruce Arians won his 42nd career game and tied Don Coryell for the second-most wins in Cardinals history on the same field he called home when he won his first NFL Coach of the Year award in 2012 as an interim for the ill Chuck Pagano.

Steelers 26, Vikings 9

In Pittsburgh, Ben Roethlisberger threw a pair of first-half touchdown passes, Le'Veon Bell ran for 87 yards and the Steelers kept Minnesota in check.

Roethlisberger hit Martavis Bryant for a 27-yard score in the first quarter and flipped a shovel pass to JuJu Smith-Schuster that the rookie turned into a 4-yard score. Roethlisberger finished 23 of 35 for 243 yards and the two scores as the Steelers (2-0) improved to 10-1 in home openers under Mike Tomlin.

Minnesota (1-1) played without quarterback Sam Bradford, who sat out with a left knee injury. Case Keenum struggled to get anything going in Bradford's absence, throwing for 167 yards on 20 of 35 passing.

Buccaneers 29, Bears 7

In Tampa Bay, Jameis Winston threw for 204 yards and one touchdown, helping the Buccaneers return from an unscheduled bye week forced by Hurricane Irma.

The defense stymied former teammate Mike Glennon with four takeaways. Robert McClain returned one of the quarterback's two interceptions for a TD, and the Bucs didn't let the Bears into the end zone until Deonte Thompson scored on a 14-yard reception with 1:43 remaining.

The Bucs (1-0) dominated despite having a short week of practice following the massive storm that forced postponement of the team's scheduled season opener at Miami. Winston completed 18 of 30 passes without an interception. He threw a 13-yard TD pass to Mike Evans, who had seven catches for 93 yards.

Ravens 24, Browns 10

In Baltimore, the Ravens relentlessly harassed two Cleveland quarterbacks, Joe Flacco ramped up his production with a pair of touchdown passes and the Ravens breezed.

Building on their season-opening shutout at Cincinnati, the Ravens picked off four passes and forced a fumble, giving them 10 takeaways in two games.

Most of the defense's damage came against Browns rookie quarterback DeShone Kizer, who left with a migraine headache in the second quarter after four ineffective series: a three-and-out, a lost fumble, an interception and a punt.

The former Notre Dame starter was replaced by second-year pro Kevin Hogan, but returned in the third quarter with Baltimore up 21-10. On his second series back, Kizer moved the Browns to the Baltimore 7 before being picked off in the end zone by Lardarius Webb.

Titans 37, Jaguars 16

In Jacksonville, Derrick Henry, Delanie Walker and Jalston Fowler each ran for touchdowns, and the Titans dominated the Jaguars.

The result was probably more indicative of what to expect from the AFC South rivals than what each showed in their season openers.

Henry finished with a career-high 92 yards on the ground for the Titans (1-1), including 87 in the final two quarters. Starting running back DeMarco Murray spent much of the second half standing on the sideline and wearing a baseball cap backward, seemingly uninjured. There was no need to risk him in this one, the third consecutive lopsided score in the series.

Marcus Mariota, returning to the place where he broke his right leg last December, completed 15 of 27 passes for 215 yards. He had a 32-yard touchdown pass to Jonnu Smith in the final quarter.

Panthers 9, Bills 3

In Charlotte, Carolina's defense allowed only three points for the second straight week, and Graham Gano converted three field goals.

The Panthers (2-0) held Tyrod Taylor and LeSean McCoy in check all day, limiting the Bills (1-1) to 176 yards and 10 first downs. McCoy had 9 yards on 12 carries and Taylor had 125 yards passing. The Panthers had three sacks, two by Julius Peppers in his first home game since re-signing with them.

The Panthers needed a late stop to seal the win.

Buffalo rookie Zay Jones tried to make a diving catch on fourth-and-11, but couldn't haul in the pass at the Carolina 3 with 9 seconds remaining.

Balance offense lifts Black Mamba over MP Light

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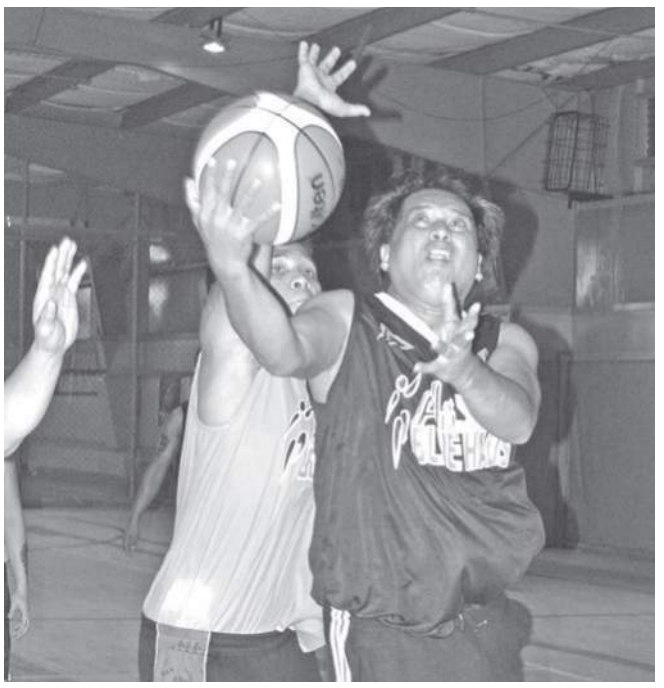
Black Mamba spread the wealth to top MP Light, 90-71, in the second game in the 2nd Invitational IT&E/Blue Haus Friendly Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Six Black Mamba players scored in twin digits, while four others made at least two baskets apiece to give their team a winning debut. White Capalad and Alex Lauron registered 12 points apiece, Chris Lansang added 11, and Yosh Gabaldon, Art Salazar, and B. William contributed 10 each for Black Mamba.

Max Gunnacao led all scorers with his 18 points, recording 8 straight in the first quarter to give MP Light a shaky 18-17 lead.

That was the last time MP Light had the driver's seat, as Black Mamba turned to several players to grab the upper hand in the second quarter, which ended with the latter ahead by twin digits, 46-35. Seven different players hit the board for Black Mamba in the second canto to take the 11-point spread at the break.



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Black Mamba's Art Salazar, right, attempts a layup against MP Light's Jerome Reyes during the fourth quarter of their game in the IT&E/Blue Haus caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

At the resumption of the match, Black Mamba still played unselfish basketball, allowing the team to increase its lead to 19, 70-51, entering the final frame. Again, besides its first five at the start of the second half, two more Black Mamba players off the bench found their target in the third to widen the gap.

Then in the fourth quarter, Chris Lansang and William put the finishing touches on Black Mamba's victory, as each player drilled 6 points.

With its good debut, Black Mamba joined Batang Bear Brand in the win column of the 12-team league. BBB downed Vendette, 93-84, during the league's opener last weekend.

Black Mamba 90 — Capalad 12, Lauron 12, Lansang 11, William 10, Gabaldon 10, Salazar 10, Ibanez 9, Brien 5, Echavez 4, Odicta 4.

MP Light 71 — Gunnacao 18, Leong 15, Licop 15, Lerio 12, Reyes 5, Peredo 4, Tengco 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-18, 46-35, 70-51, 90-71.

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Associations president David Largent is inviting interested golfers from Guam to join the two-day tournament but they must first earn their tickets by joining the 2017 Annual Club Lao Charity Golf Tournament on Oct. 14 at Laolao Bay golf.

"Guam golfers must first join the Club Lao, which is like a qualifying tournament for the Marianas International Cup, in order for them to earn a spot. Club Lao is two weeks before the Cup," said Largent.

CNMI golfers could also qualify for the Marianas International Cup by also joining the Club Lao.

The Marianas International Cup will have low gross and double Peoria formats. There will be Top 3 men's and women's winners after the two-day combined low gross scores, while one champion will be named in the double Peoria.

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Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion, fifth left, presents a sponsor check to CNMI Federation of Golf Associations president David Largent, sixth left, yesterday at the MVA office in support of the Marianas International Cup.

The Top 3 for each country—China, Japan, and Korea—will also be recognized after the combined scores for two days in the double Peoria format. Cash prizes will also be given away to the lucky winners.

The grand champion in the double Peoria will win a free four-night stay at one of Imperial Pacific Resort Hotel-Saipan's Grand Ocean Suites, including a round-trip airfare for two to Saipan, while winners from each country will get a three-night stay in a Deluxe room. The hotel will open in late 2018.

Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC is the tournament host with IT&E, the Marianas Visitors Authority, Docomo Pacific, TanHoldings, Triple J, I Love Saipan, Hana Tour, Golf007.com, DFS, and Hyatt Regency-Saipan as partners.

TEAM

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Grover of Zombie MMA by way of submission, while Adriano dropped his match against Camacho via stoppage.

Perry Mundo, also of Team Tinian, and Luta Top Team's L.D. Ogo put up an electrifying show as their match went the distance and needed the judges' scorecards in order to determine the winner. The fighters were evenly matched, but in the end it was Mundo who was declared the winner via split decision with scores of 29-28, 28-29, and 30-27.

Austin John King, another Team Tinian bet, won his second fight after beating Atiron Norita in the 1:44 mark of the first round via rear naked choke. Norita answered the call of going up against King just 24 hours before the event, replacing A.J. Barcinas of Luta Top Team.

King's win somewhat eased the pain of teammate Juschery Castro's loss to John Mendiola of Luta Top Team. Mendiola defeated Castro by technical knockout with 1:37 in the first round.

In other results, the visiting South Korean fighters won two of their three matches with Min Gu Lee losing in the main event against Rob "The Deal" Wusstig of Guam in the lightweight title bout.

Sang Hyun Park of Team Ace MMA Korea got the better of Rota native Juan "Hot Pocket" Lizama of Steel Athletics Guam. The 43-year-old South Korean used a triangle choke in forcing the younger Lizama, 23, to tap at the 2:13 of the second round.

Korean Top Team's Sung Kwon Kim closed out the undercard bouts with an impressive win over Patrick Ungcangco of Steel Athletics Guam by way of rear-naked choke with 2:20 left in the second round.

Steel Athletics' Jaybo Frederick only needed 2:30 in beating Alejandro "The Outlaw" Tebit of Ghasias Brothers Fight Club via TKO, while Red Ants Academy's JBoy Langu defeated Zombie MMA's Manny "The Kid" Camacho in the 1:50 mark of the first round by stoppage.

Derrick Evangelista of Guam Muay Thai performed the traditional Wai Kru Ram Muay ritual dance before facing independent fighter Railey Miwata. He defeated Miwata by TKO with a little over a minute gone by in the second round.

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ley's crashing of Matansa after firing four goals, while Katherine Magat chipped in three. Katrina Costales and Valeria Myers contributed two, while Lilian Podziewski added one. Jannah Casarino handed Matansa its lone goal in the match.

With the easy victory, Shirley's took the early lead in the seven-team field with its 2-0-0 win-draw-loss record, while Matansa is at the bottom of the standings as it dropped its first two games this season.

Kanoa FC joined Shirley's on top of the leaderboard following a similar lopsided victory against TanHoldings, 9-0.

Paulyn Joyce had a hat trick to lift Kanoa to its second win in as many games after the squad pulled off a 5-4 triumph over Southern United in its season debut last Sept. 9. Joyce drew first blood for Kanoa with her goal in the fifth minute and her last two came in the 14th and 59th.

Hannah Santos and Khristelle Itaas backed up Joyce after recording two goals each, while Ericka Santiago and Princess Alcantara made one apiece.

In other results in the girls U15 division, MP United got off to a strong start after beating Paire, 5-1.

Maury Zon Tybaco helped MP United win its first game of the season after drilling three goals in the first half. She posted her goals in succession in a span of nine minutes, registering her first in the third minute and the last two in the seventh and ninth. Stella McCallion also made it to the board for MP United, tallying her first goal in the 25th minute and the second in the 40th.

Kyna Margaret Sales had the lone goal for Paire, which failed to make a follow-up on its 2-1 triumph over Matansa in the opening week. Sales hit the board in the 32nd minute.

BOYS U17
MP United 4, Paire 2

MP United earned the solo lead in the division following a win over Paire last Saturday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

Joshua Abragan, Anthony Fruit, and Sunjoon Tenorio scored for MP United, which now has a 2-0-0 mark. Abrahan had back-to-back goals, scoring in the eighth and 14th minute, while Fruit and Tenorio registered their goals in the 21st and 30th, respectively.

Paire, which fell to a 0-0-2 card as it earlier forfeited its opening game against TanHoldings, failed to break into the win column with only Robbie Schorr and Rex De Jose lighting up the board for the losing squad. Schorr found the back of the net in the 49th minute, while De Jose did the same in the 75th.

Matansa 10, Kanoa 1

Matansa bounced back from its opening loss to MP United with an easy victory against Kanoa.

Matansa, which was held to one goal in its first game of the season, was on target against Kanoa with Lolobeyong Benito anchoring the squad's offense after logging three goals. Joshua Daniel Malig and Ronnel Ocanada added two apiece, while Alan Hinson, Jether Yobech, and Louie Calayag completed Matansa's balance scoring after contributing one goal each.

Kanoa, which absorbed its second defeat in as many games, avoided a shutout out when Brian Lubao scored in the 69th minute.

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MBL STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	85	64	.570	—
New York	82	67	.550	3
Tampa Bay	73	77	.487	12½
Baltimore	73	77	.487	12½
Toronto	70	80	.467	15½

Central Division

x-Cleveland	93	57	.620	—
Minnesota	78	71	.523	14½
Kansas City	73	76	.490	19½
Detroit	62	87	.416	30½
Chicago	60	89	.403	32½

West Division

x-Houston	91	58	.611	—
Los Angeles	76	73	.510	15
Seattle	74	76	.493	17½
Texas	73	76	.490	18
Oakland	66	83	.443	25

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

x-Washington	90	59	.604	—
Miami	69	80	.463	21
Atlanta	67	81	.453	22½
New York	65	84	.436	25
Philadelphia	58	91	.389	32

Central Division

Chicago	83	66	.557	—
Milwaukee	79	70	.530	4
St. Louis	77	72	.517	6
Pittsburgh	68	82	.453	15½
Cincinnati	66	84	.440	17½

West Division

z-Los Angeles	96	53	.644	—
Arizona	87	63	.580	9½
Colorado	82	68	.547	14½
San Diego	66	83	.443	30
San Francisco	58	93	.384	39

z-clinched playoff berth
x-clinched division

NFL STANDINGS

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	19	17
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	24	21
New England	1	1	0	.500	63	62
N.Y. Jets	0	2	0	.000	32	66

South

Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	53	42
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	45	44
Houston	1	1	0	.500	20	38
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	22	62

North

Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	44	10
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	47	27
Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	9	33
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	28	45

West

Denver	2	0	0	1.000	66	38
Oakland	2	0	0	1.000	71	36
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	69	47
L.A. Chargers	0	2	0	.000	38	43

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	50	44
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	36	45
Washington	1	1	0	.500	44	50
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	3	19

South

Atlanta	2	0	0	1.000	57	40
Carolina	2	0	0	1.000	32	6
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	29	7
New Orleans	0	2	0	.000	39	65

North

Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	35	23
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	38	45
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	40	43
Chicago	0	2	0	.000	24	52

West

Seattle	1	1	0	.500	21	26
L.A. Rams	1	1	0	.500	66	36
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	39	48
San Francisco	0	2	0	.000	12	35

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Rites of Passage 22: Rampage

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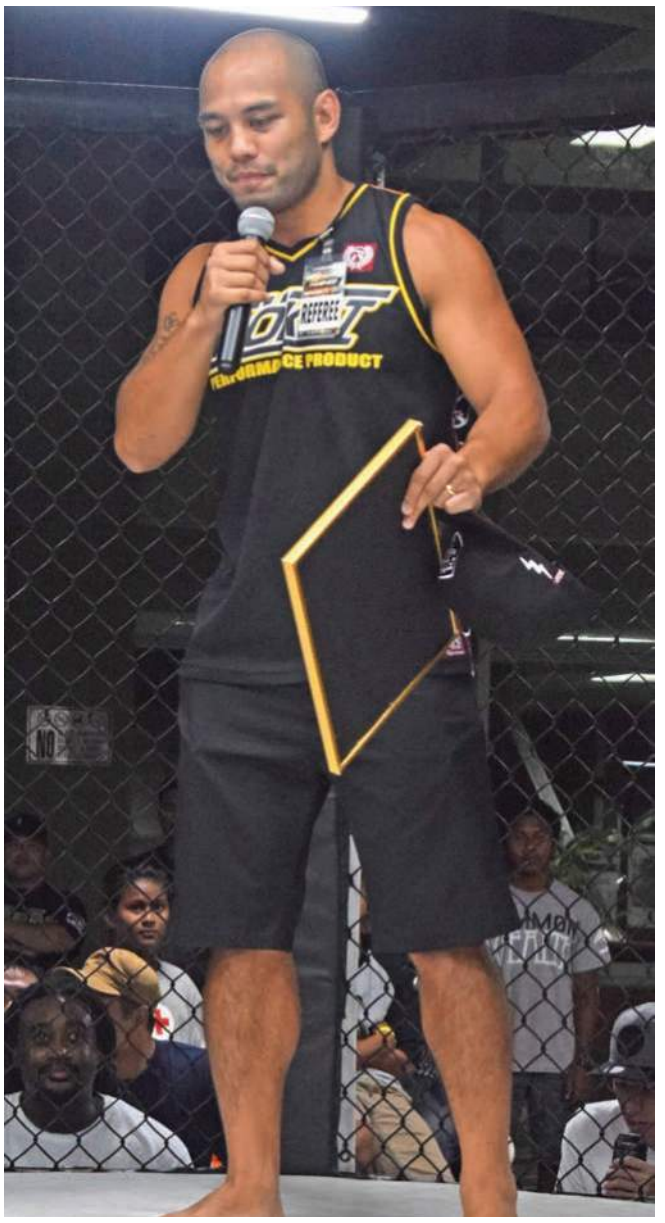

Frank "The Crank" Camacho addresses the crowd after receiving a special citation from the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council during last Friday's Rites of Passage 22: Rampage held at the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe.

Guam Muay Thai's Derrick Evangelista performs the ritual dance Wai Kru before his match against independent fighter Railey Miwata.

Team Tinian's Audrien Cruz, right, connects with a kick to the face of George "Game Over" Grover of Zombie MMA.

Roman "Sonic Boom" Alvarez, left, adjusts the gloves of TrenchTech's Luis "TwoTwo" Litulumar, center, before the latter's exhibition match against Team Tinian's William "Pretty Boy" King.

Rob "The Deal" Wusstig, left, addresses the crowd during his interview with ring announcer L.J. Castro.

Guest referee Frank "The Crank" Camacho raises the arms of William "Pretty Boy" King, right, and Luis "TwoTwo" Litulumar as the fighters are declared co-winners of their exhibition K1 match.

Team Tinian's Juschery Castro, top, tries to get out of a choke hold by Luta Top Team's John Mendiola.

Some of the fight fans pose for a photo while waiting for the next bout.

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Shirley's FC pummels Matansa

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Shirley's Football Club's Lilian Podziewski, right, dribbles away from a Matansa defender during the second half of their girls U15 division game in the 2017 NMIFA Fall Youth League last Saturday at the Francisco M. Sablan Middle School Field.

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Defending champion Shirley's Football Club recorded another lopsided win after routing Matansa FC, 12-2, in their girls U15 division game in the 2017 NMIFA Fall Youth League last Saturday at the Francisco M. Sablan Middle School Field.

Shirley's, which came from a 9-0 thrashing of Tan-Holdings during the league's opening week, picked up where it left off, blowing the game wide open in the second half after scoring eight goals. Therize Millare starred in Shir-

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NMI to welcome international golfers

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The CNMI will be rolling out the red carpet for international golf teams from China, Japan, and Korea next month for the inaugural Marianas International Cup 2017 that will be held for two days in separate venues on Saipan.

Teams are expected to arrive on Oct. 27 and will be treated to a welcome cocktail party at the lobby of the Imperial Pacific Resort Hotel-Saipan.

Action begins the following day where local golfers and their international counterparts tee off at 8am at the Graham Marsh-designed Kingfisher Golf Links. Day Two, Oct. 29, will have participants moving to the east course of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Kingfisher and Laolao east are among the challenging golf courses on the island, showcasing stunning views of the oceans while having signature holes that could pose a challenge even to the seasoned par-busters.

CNMI Federation of Golf

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CNMI Federation of Golf Associations president David Largent, second left, joins IT&E officials led by IT&E CNMI executive director Rob C. Harrell, fourth left, for a group photo as the telecommunications company throws its support to the Marianas International Cup 2017.

Team Tinian goes 3-of-5 in ROP 22

JON PEREZ
Team Tinian's Perry Mundo, left, blocks a kick from Luta Top Team's L.D. Ogo and attempts to throw a punch during their bout in last Friday's Rites of Passage 22: Rampage held at the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe.

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Team Tinian fighters went 3-of-5 in last Friday's Rites of Passage 22: Rampage held at the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe.

Luis "TwoTwo" Litulumar of TrenchTech and William "Pretty Boy" King of Team Tinian opened things up and despite being featured in an exhibition fight, they gave an impressive performance and showed strong signs of becoming future mixed martial arts warriors.

They electrified the crowd with their aggressiveness inside the eight sides, as if telling everyone that even at a young age they too have the fighting skills. In the end, the judges and guest referee Frank "The Crank" Camacho declared Litulumar and King as co-winners.

Meanwhile, Audrien Cruz gave Team Tinian its first win, after teammate Kimo Adriano lost to Andres "The Tanapag Beach Bad Boy" Camacho in the third fight of the night.

Cruz only needed 50 seconds in the first round to dispatch George "Game Over"

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